

Testing Is Explained

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Junior-Senior SBDM Council held its September meeting Friday afternoon in the media center.

Principal Kevin Stockman previewed his presentation on Measures of Academic Progress he was scheduled to give at Monday's board of education meeting. MAP testing takes place three times yearly. Stockman's presentation showed how results of the fall test compare to where each class should score in math and reading by the end of this school year. The council approved the presentation.

Stockman told the council he has had data dialogues with staff about the fall test, and student placement has been adjusted based on the results. The

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JESSICA EARL, field commander, leads the Dawson Springs High School Marching Band to the field for its first performance of the year, Friday, Sept. 19, at the local town show. The band performed in its first judged performance Saturday.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

Festival Is Friday

The annual Fall Festival will be held Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. between the Dawson Springs elementary and high school buildings.

Booths offering concessions, games and activities for all ages will be available. The event also includes the senior class chili supper. Tickets for the chili supper are available from any senior class member or at the door at a cost of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 6 and under.

Booths and their sponsors are grab bags, preschool; cake walk, kindergarten; pumpkin bowling, first grade; nachos and mini golf, second grade; air walk helium balloons and toilet paper toss, third grade; two-liter ring toss, fourth grade; minecraft mining, fifth grade; duck pond, sixth grade; photo booth, seventh grade; dance, eighth grade;

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SENIOR TRIP TO BAHAMAS APPROVED

School Board Passes \$6 Million Budget

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Board of Education approved a working budget Monday.

"You hear me say every year, 'there's nothing in here but what we have to have,' and that's really true," said board treasurer Jenny Bruce.

The budget totals \$6,083,870.59 and includes a 3.3 percent contingency. The contingency, which is 2 percent less than last year's, has declined sharply over the past several years. However, it is

still above the state requirement of 2 percent.

"I want to commend Jenny," said Superintendent Lenny Whalen, adding that he and Bruce have really been working on the budget numbers. "I think we will see better days ahead of us, something I attribute to this board and to Jenny."

The board also approved a senior trip to the Bahamas in April. Sasha Fight, who made the request, said the approximate cost will be \$850 per person. At this point, 23 students,

16 parents and four sponsors have committed to going. Fight also noted that a parent meeting has been held, and it has been made clear that parents will have the responsibility of chaperoning students on the trip.

Other action items included approval of the following:

- A second reading of a board policy related to transportation and student release from the bus.

- Continuing memorandum of agreement with the Pennyroyal Center to provide mental

health therapy and consultative services.

- KETS offer of assistance in the amount of \$5,144 to be escrowed up to three years.

- Engagement to retain Mike Owsley and the firm of English, Lucas, Priest and Owsley as legal counsel.

- Whalen to serve as chairman of the District Facilities Planning Process. Earl Menser was selected as the board member to serve on the Local Planning Committee.

The principals' reports focused on results of the fall

Measures of Academic Progress testing compared to goals for the end of the school year. In the elementary grades, third and fourth grades show the largest gap between fall scores and where they will need to be at the end of the year in reading. Junior-senior high scores showed eighth and ninth grades to be a little behind, but juniors and seniors are already above their end-of-year goals for reading.

Kevin Stockman, junior-

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— Two Community Leaders Are Retiring — Final Sermon Here To Be Sunday Miss Mary's Final Day Is Tuesday

By Carolyn Walker

The Rev. Larry Davidson will preach his last sermon at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Dawson Springs Sunday morning. Davidson will retire after 44 years in the ministry, the past 10 in Dawson Springs.

Davidson and his wife Colleen arrived in town late on a July night in

2004 to find the refrigerator at the parsonage had been stocked with food from the 56th annual Barbecue. It was their introduction to a community event which would be a part of their lives for the next several years. It became their job to be cashiers at the community center on Barbecue day.

"We enjoyed it," Davidson said. "It was an opportunity to meet a lot of people."

The Davidsons came to Dawson Springs from Calvary Christian Church in Covington, Va. Counting the local church, they have served 12 churches in 8 states.

"From our first visit to the Dawson Springs area, we discovered very quickly that Dawson Springs and the First Christian Church are filled with quality people who love the Lord and each other," Davidson said. "As one year after another went by, our first impression was reconfirmed time and time again."

Many in the community

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By Carolyn Walker

Miss Mary the librarian will hang up her book bag Tuesday and turn out the lights after her final day at the Dawson Springs Branch Library.

Mary Adams, who began working at the library part time in 1986 and went on to become the full-time librarian, is retiring. She has touched the lives of hundreds of library patrons and generations of children who have grown up with the story hour and summer reading programs, leaving them with many fond memories.

And Adams has a host of memories of her own, the most touching of which was Miss Mary's Missing Book Bag, a children's book written by her older son Mark 10 years ago. In the story line, he incorporated the branch library, the Mill Dam, library cards and story hour, so many things dear to Adams' heart.

"I encourage everyone to visit the branch library, fish at the Mill Dam, attend a Story Hour and get a library card," Adams said.

Some of her best times as librarian have involved the fun of summer reading. From hiking



MARY ADAMS prepared garlic bread for the annual Friends of the Library membership drive lasagna dinner.

to a cave to scavenger hunts at the museum to rock rubbing at Arcadia Cemetery, the memories go on and on.

There were good times for the younger set at story hour as well.

"Ask any child fourth grade and up about 'the bubble,'" said Adams. "If they attended story hour, they will remember!"

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REV. LARRY DAVIDSON and his wife Colleen collected money at this year's annual Barbecue at the community center.

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LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 9/24	Thu 9/25	Fri 9/26	Sat 9/27	Sun 9/28
82/51 Sunny skies. High 82F. Winds light and variable.	83/53 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	83/58 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	83/61 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	82/61 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

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Funeral Held Monday For Robert Earl Evans, 62

The funeral for Robert Earl Evans, 62, of Beulah, was held Monday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. Larry Phaup officiated. Burial was in New Beulah Cemetery.

Evans died Sept. 18, 2014, at his home.

He was born June 16, 1952, in Hopkins County, to the late William Lewis Evans and Willie Mae Jennings Evans.

He was a retired steel worker and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Jo Ann Faulk, May 22, 1944, and Pearlie Mae Walker, April 9, 2014; and a brother, Nickie Mullins.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Beverly Suttle Evans, Beulah; a daughter, Summer Evans, Beulah; a son, Brian Evans, Dawson Springs; two sisters, Betty Lucille Dunbar, Dawson



BUDDY EVANS

Springs, and Kathy Mullins, Madisonville; a brother, Dennie Mullins, Madisonville; a stepmother, Geraldine Mullins, Madisonville; two stepsons, Willie Rice and David Bean, both Madisonville; and several grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Donnie Suttle, Brian Suttle, Gary Suttle, Patrick Evans, Brian Evans and Danny Brown.

Leslie Robinson was an honorary pallbearer.

Funeral Held Monday For Myrtle Sisk Tompkins, 85

The funeral for Myrtle Tompkins, 85, of Dallas, Texas, formerly of Madisonville, was held Monday at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home.

The Rev. Glen Hobgood officiated. Burial was in Old Beulah Cemetery.

Mrs. Tompkins died Sept. 16, 2014, in Dallas.

She was born Aug. 8, 1929, in Hopkins County, to the late Barber U. Sisk and Ruth Inglis Sisk.

Mrs. Tompkins was a Dawson Springs High School graduate and a former employee of The Dawson Springs Progress. Her father was a former principal, and her mother was a former teacher in the Dawson Springs school system. She attended First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Madisonville. She was a retired piano teacher and was a member of the Pennyryle Piano Teachers Association.

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In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clint Tompkins; three brothers, Merritt Sisk, Charles Sisk and Ray Sisk; and a sister, Dortha Kupp.

Survivors include two sons, Barry (Susan) Smiley, of Madisonville, and Alan W. (Julie) Tompkins, Dallas; a sister, Karolyn (Kenneth) Hayden of Cecilia; and two grandchildren, Ed (Sarah) Smiley of Sandy, Utah, and Jessica L. Tompkins of Dallas; two great-grandchildren, Kathryn and Mason Smiley of Sandy; and an aunt, Gladys Bone of Madisonville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Old Beulah Cemetery Fund or the Bluegrass Heritage Foundation's Play It Forward Program, P.O. Box 25032, Dallas, TX 75225.

OBITUARIES

Service At 11 Tomorrow For Mary Nell Markham

The funeral for Mary Nell Markham, 92, of Madisonville, will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until the funeral hour Thursday.

Dr. Joe Leonard will officiate. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mrs. Markham died Sept. 21, 2014, at NHC Healthcare in Madisonville.

She was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Webster County, to the late Lysander Bone and Mattie Frazer Bone.

She was retired from the Kentucky Department of Social Services and was a member of First Baptist Church in Madisonville.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Markham was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth E. Markham; five brothers, William Bone, George

Bone, Paul Bone, Charles Bone and James Bone; and a great-grandchild.

Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Duncan, Dawson Springs, and Pamela Stokes, Memphis, Tenn.; two sons, Kenneth Markham and Jerry Markham, both Madisonville; two sisters, Martha Wyatt, Nebo, and Bessie Langley, Shelbyville; a brother, Ted Bone, Grand Rivers; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jarrod Markham, David Stokes, David Lawrence, Jonathan Nix, Alan Hall, Andy Howell and Shawn Helm.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Markham Family Endowment or the Riley Jane Lawrence Scholarship at the Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University.

Crowds Gather To Watch Ledbetter Bridge Blast

**By Lauren P. Duncan
The Paducah Sun**

A resonating boom and thick clouds of smoke marked the first explosion of the old Ledbetter bridge when a third of the 83-year-old structure went crashing into the Tennessee River Tuesday.

The span nearest the McCracken County side of the bridge was demolished with explosives Sept. 16. Viewers lined the new U.S. 60 Tennessee River bridge to observe the blast, which took place at 8 a.m. The sound delay from the old bridge, about 2,000 feet west of the viewing area, caused the boom to seemingly occur after the bridge had fallen into the river. The span came down in about three seconds.

The explosion was the first of four or five detonations that will take down different sections of the bridge, which crews have been working to demolish since June. To mark the end of a piece of Western Kentucky history, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet arranged for public viewing on one lane of the new U.S. 60 bridge. Keith Todd, KYTC Post 1 spokesman, estimated that 500 people came out Tuesday morning.

Construction workers, families and photographers lined the closed lane of traffic and waited in the chilly breeze for the loud horn to signal

the blast. The U.S. Coast Guard halted traffic for the explosion an hour before the blast. Barges lined the river west of the bridge, waiting for the site to be cleared.

Although the collapse occurred in just seconds, few who came out to view it seemed disappointed.

"It was awesome. We ditched the first part of school for it. That was local history in the making," said Amy Binkley of Ledbetter, who came out with her kids.

Reidland resident Katye Guess observed the blast with her 11-month-old son Colson. Both were a little stunned.

Guess said she has mixed emotions about the demolition because the bridge is a landmark, but she was glad to see a new, safer bridge constructed. Her husband helped supervise construction of the new bridge, and she was able to see firsthand what went into the project.

Guess said years of wrecks and needed repairs on the old bridge, as well as the superstition among frequent drivers to "hold your breath" while crossing, were all reasons the demolition was "way overdue."

Service Is Saturday For Christine Richardson, 51

A memorial service for Christine Yvonne Richardson, 51, of Nortonville, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Living Word Christian Center in St. Charles. Beshear Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Richardson died Sept. 19, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

She was born May 13, 1963, in West Virginia, to Caroline Pillian Sivells and the late George Monroe Newton.

She was a former cook and a member of Living Word Christian Center.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, James Newton.

Survivors include her husband, Jeffrey Lynn Richardson, Nortonville;



TINA RICHARDSON

her mother, Caroline Sivells; three daughters, Christina Felkins and Natasha Felkins, both Dawson Springs; and Krista Moore, Madisonville; three sons, Matthew Richardson, White Plains, James Felkins, Princeton, and Richard Felkins, Nortonville; a sister, Darline Beasley, Fredonia; and nine grandchildren.

Service At 11 A.M. Today For Kenneth Gardner, 78

Memorial services for Kenneth Gardner, 78, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 11 a.m. today at Crossroads Christian Church in Caldwell County. Visitation will be at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral hour.

John Rasel will officiate. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gardner died Sept. 19, 2014, at Princeton Health and Rehabilitation.

He was an Army veteran and a retired telephone repairman for Ameriatech. He was a member of Crossroads Christian Church and a Shriner.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Winstead Gardner; his mother, Katherine Boyce Farthing Miller; his stepmother, Genvie Gardner; his stepfather, Louis Miller; and a son, Kenneth Lee Gardner.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Ann Roye Gardner, Dawson Springs; two sons, Vernon Neal Gardner, Evansville, Ind., and Neal Kenneth Gardner, Princeton; a brother, Charles Gardner, Indianapolis, Ind.; a sister, Sharon Mae Norvell, Evansville, Ind.; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

KET Lists Upcoming Programs

On KET's Health Three60, "Easing the Burden of Asthma" explores the common myths and misunderstandings about asthma and looks at efforts across the state to better educate those living with this condition. The program will be shown at 8 p.m. Monday.

Antiques Roadshow

goes on the road to Knoxville, Tenn., for the first of several new episodes set to air this fall on KET. Highlights from "Knoxville: Hour One" include a Tiffany pottery vase; a shoe belonging to Robert Wadlow, the tallest human recorded in history; and a Chinese gilt bronze Amida Buddah. The episode airs tomorrow at 7 p.m.

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Public Employees Get Break On Health Insurance Rates

Public employees across the state will keep more of their paychecks. The Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) announced no premium increases for the upcoming health insurance plan year. Even though monthly premiums will not go up, employees and their families will enjoy the same plan designs and benefits.

"For our hardworking state employees, this is well-deserved good news," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "Thanks to plan members' efforts to get healthier, the KEHP has created significant savings. On top of that, most public employees just received a cost-of-living raise for the first time in five years, and they won't have to spend it on higher health care costs."

The response to the 2014 plan designs were well received by KEHP members, with more than 80 percent of plan members selecting an incentivized wellness health plan. The new plan designs initiated a

dramatic increase with more than 52,000 new members (nearly 97,000 including dependents) choosing a consumer-driven health plan (CDHP) with a wellness component.

Through the first six months of 2014, medical and pharmacy claims are trending down 9 percent and net pay on claims dropped by 14 percent. The plan is saving nearly \$130 per member per month for each of the 256,000 state employees, school district employees, public retirees, and quasi-governmental group members, and dependents on the KEHP.

According to the 2013 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, Kentucky has a composite ranking of 49th out of 50 states when looking at factors such as healthy behaviors and physical health.

Early wellness benefits offered a physical fitness tracking program and worksite wellness meetings. As participation has grown, so have the goals for the KEHP.

In an effort to realize a greater return on investment, in late 2012, the KEHP introduced new health and wellness goals. The new objectives included introducing a wellness program brand, offering health plans that integrated wellness, increasing personal health awareness, and health and insurance literacy.

Over the past two and a half years, the KEHP began offering wellness services through the newly branded LivingWell program and introduced a fully-integrated wellness program, HumanaVitality. HumanaVitality is an online, on-the-go, incentivized wellness program that rewards members for their healthy behaviors, physical fitness, and prevention and education activities. In keeping with the progress being made, the Personnel Cabinet and its wellness plan were recognized by Louisville Business First as the healthiest employer in the large

employer category.

The KEHP has also worked to better compensate for the 20 percent cost increase from those on the plan who use tobacco by expanding the tobacco use definition. Last year, the rate of those reporting to the plan as a tobacco user went up nearly 29 percent. This was a result of expanding the range of products to include all forms of tobacco products, and the tobacco surcharge to include all plan adult dependents who use tobacco. The LivingWell program also continues to support those who are trying to quit with various tobacco cessation resources and programs.

The enrollment period for the 2015 plan year will be held from Oct. 13-30, and offers the same benefits and plan designs as last year with several new vendors. As a self-insured plan, the KEHP remains in control of the plan designs and costs, and welcomes the new vendors who

will help administer access to benefits. As a significant component to the state procurement process, the transition to new medical, pharmacy, health reimbursement account and flexible spending account ven-

dors will help the plan realize savings.

For more information on this year's enrollment or health plan options, visit kehk.ky.gov. To view the KEHP's wellness benefits, visit LivingWell.ky.gov.

Owensboro Sears Store To Close December 7

By Joy Campbell
The Messenger-Inquirer

Owensboro's Sears store and Sears Auto Center in Towne Square Mall will close in early December.

The store's closing is "part of a series of actions we're taking to reduce on-going expenses, adjust our asset base and accelerate the transformation of our business model," said Howard Riefs, director of corporate communications for Sears Holdings. "These actions will better enable us to focus our investments on serving our customers and mem-

bers through integrated retail — at the store, online and in the home."

The Sears store and auto center together have 52 employees. Eligible employees will receive severance and will be able to apply for open positions at area Sears or Kmart stores, Riefs said.

The target closing date is Dec. 7. A liquidation sale will start Sept. 26.

Other stores across the country also are closing, but a list was not available.

Riefs said the Evansville store will remain open, and the Kmart stores are not impacted. Sears and Kmart merged in 2005.

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King Ahab told Queen Jezebel how Elijah had killed all the prophets of Baal with the sword. Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to tell him, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." Elijah ran to the desert and coming to a broom tree he sat down under it and prayed that he might die. He told the Lord that he had enough and asked Him to take his life and then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. An angel touched him and told him to get up and eat. Looking around he saw a cake of bread and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time and told Elijah to get up and eat for the journey would be too much for him. Elijah obeyed and strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

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Mail-In Absentee Ballots Available For November General Election

Eligible voters may request mail-in absentee ballots in Kentucky's Nov. 4 General Election. Individuals who may be eligible to vote by mail-in absentee ballot include military personnel, their dependents and overseas citizens; students who temporarily reside outside the county; voters who temporarily reside outside Kentucky; voters who are incarcerated but have not yet been convicted; voters whose employment takes them outside the county for all days and hours the polling place is open; voters of advanced age or who suffer from disability or illness; and voters who are participants in the Address Confidentiality Program.

Voters may request an absentee ballot application from their county clerk in person or by telephone, fax or email. Applications for mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the clerk's office no later than Oct. 28, and the completed absentee ballot must be received by the county clerk by 6 p.m. local time on Election Day.

The identities of absentee voters will not be disclosed until after the election. In the past, absentee ballot applications were subject to open records requests, making absentee voters particularly susceptible to attempts to purchase their votes.

Individuals who do not

qualify to vote by mail-in absentee ballot may still be eligible to vote in person prior to Election Day. In-person absentee voting will begin in all counties no later than 12 working days prior to the election although county boards of elections may permit in-person absentee voting to start earlier. In-person absentee voting is conducted during the county clerk's regular business hours on voting machines similar to those used on Election Day.

Anyone with questions about absentee voting should contact the county clerk or the State Board of Elections. Additional information is also available at www.elect.ky.gov.

State Ranks Highest In Child Poverty Nationally

New current population survey supplemental data, released by the U.S. Census Bureau, provides an updated status of kids and families in Kentucky, including new data on poverty.

While the national data shows the child poverty rate declined for the first time since 2000, Kentucky's data is in stark contrast to the nation. Child poverty in Kentucky rose to 31.8 percent in 2013 from 22.4 percent in 2009.

This increase put Kentucky at the highest in the nation among states, according to data from this survey. The poverty threshold in 2013 for a family of four with two children means earning a household income below \$23,624.

Not only are more children experiencing poverty, but total poverty in Kentucky, including adults, rose from 17.0 percent in 2009 to 20.0 percent in 2013. The newly released data highlights that economic recovery has yet to reach many families in Kentucky, and in fact, even more families are struggling.

"We know that the single most important factor impacting the success or struggles of children is poverty, and we can't let another year go by without implementing strate-

gies to raise children out of poverty," said Dr. Terry Brooks, executive director at Kentucky Youth Advocates. "Although tackling poverty will require multiple solutions, a state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) that allows working families to keep more of their hard-earned income can be a first-step solution to move kids out of poverty. Kentucky leaders should embrace and enact a state EITC."

An EITC is a tax-credit provided to low-income working families to help them make ends meet. Currently, families at a certain income level can apply for the federal EITC when they file their taxes in order to receive a credit on their tax return. Families would apply for a state EITC in the same way that families apply for the federal EITC.

On average, families would receive an additional \$220 back on their taxes if Kentucky enacted a state EITC. Parents often spend this money in local economies such as buying clothes for their children, fixing their car, or buying gas to get to work.

"The EITC supports parents who are working but aren't earning enough to pay for basic needs," added Brooks. "It's a small amount of

money that could make a big difference in the lives of children and families."

Other strategies include helping families obtain more resources and implementing policies to help them keep more of the assets they have. Low-income families need alternatives to their current higher costs for financial services and consumer goods. Policy changes can help families save the money they earn. Another proven strategy is to boost low income families' entrepreneurial potential through such ideas as microenterprise. A multi-faceted strategy can lift families out of poverty for the long-term.

"Small and incremental efforts simply will not change this tide of rising poverty for Kentucky's kids. We have a practical and ethical obligation to tackle this problem with multiple solutions that we know work. And this new data reminds us that the issue of kids and poverty is a crisis of urgency. It is simply not a problem that can be put on the back burner. Neither the pressures of the state budget nor the presence of politics is a valid excuse for anything less than immediate action," added Brooks.

KENTUCKY STATEWIDE READING PROJECT — CHAPTER 2



written by Leigh Anne Florence and illustrated by Chris Ware

"Dogwood, what's going on?" Mom asked as I tugged the robber's shoes, keeping him secure until the cops arrived. "We heard the harmonica, and it sounded so much, uh, different, than usual and we thought we would check it out. Why are you chewing on this gentleman's shoes?"

Knowing I couldn't take the chance of letting go of the criminal to answer Mom, I looked at Chloe to explain.

"Well," Chloe began, "Woody and I were walking through the neighborhood, staying on the grass and sidewalks when we saw this man break through the window of this house. A few minutes later we saw him leave the house, so we decided to capture him and hold him until the cops arrived."

As soon as Chloe finished her explanation, the robber began to laugh. Mom and Dad have taught us we are never to be disrespectful to anyone, so I didn't respond to his laughter, although I knew he wouldn't be laughing when he went to jail.

"I do declare I've moved to the most plumb perfect neighborhood" the robber said. "My name is Bo Blackford, and I just moved here two days ago. I ran to the hardware store earlier, and my mind was a-fluttering and I locked my keys in the car. My only other set of car keys was in the house, but I couldn't unlock the house because my house key was on my key ring that was locked in the car."

His explanation reminded me of the old lady who swallowed the bird to catch the spider that caught the fly ... or did she swallow the spider to catch the bird? Anyway, the interesting sound to this man's voice plus the funny phrases he said had me confused. Still, he didn't need to finish the explanation. I had overreacted. Letting go of his shoelace, I apologized for jumping to conclusions. Then we each introduced ourselves.

"Young man," Mom said with a twinkle in her eye and a grin on her face, "aren't we always asking you to listen instead of jumping to conclusions? It seems to me your new fascination has caused your imagination to go into overdrive."

"Fascination?" Mr. Blackford asked.

"Yes," Dad said. "Woody has fallen in love with these stories about a boy named Jack. Jack always seems to find himself in a pickle, but in the end he catches a grizzly bear, outsmarts a giant and even catch-

es some robbers." With that last sentence, Dad winked at me.

"I know Jack," Mr. Blackford replied.

"You know Jack?" Chloe and I responded in perfect unison.

"Why sure! I grew up in the Appalachian region of Kentucky. Ever'body in Appalachia knows Jack!" Mr. Blackford said proudly.

"I didn't realize there was an Apple region of Kentucky," Chloe replied.

"Appalachian," Mr. Blackford clarified. "Think 'Apple-at-choo' and then change the 'choo' to a 'chin'. Now try it."

"Apple-at-chin," we both said carefully. "Now that we can say it, what does it mean?" I asked, making everyone snicker again.

"A quick little geography lesson for you free of charge," Mr. Blackford said. "Appalachia is a cultural region in the southeastern part of the United States that reaches from northern Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia to the southern tier of New York State. Here in Kentucky, 54 counties are part of the Appalachian region. Appalachia is known for its strong roots, functional art, dulcimer music, folk tales and, most of all, its good people."

"I bet Jack's one of those good people, right Mr. Blackford?" I asked, wanting to know about my newfound hero. "Do you know Jack's family too? Do they live close to you in the Apple-at-choo, uh, chin, region?"

"Little fellar, ever'body in Appalachia not only knows Jack but loves Jack! We grew up with him. I'll tell you a secret, pups," Mr. Blackford whispered with a twinkle in his eye. Mom, Dad, Chloe and I leaned in to listen. "I brought Jack with me when I moved here."

I wasn't sure whose eyes were bigger — mine or Chloe's!

"Jack's here? With you?" I exclaimed, stunned at the terrific news and confused as to why Jack hadn't opened the door for Mr. Blackford instead of him having to break through a window.

"Sure as shootin'! Why don't you and your folks come on back in the house and meet him now? I can run and get my car after we spin a yarn or two."

"I don't know how to knit," I confessed, "but Chloe knows how to embroider. She can make pretty daisies." I'm not sure why, but Mr. Blackford and my parents laughed before we went inside to meet my hero. Rather than crawling through the window, we used the key Mr. Blackford had retrieved from the house.

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Construction Begins On Eggner’s Ferry Bridge

By Lauren P. Duncan
The Paducah Sun

Leaders who spoke at a groundbreaking Sept. 10 for the new Eggner’s Ferry Bridge weren’t very saddened to say goodbye to the older, narrow bridge that carries travelers over Kentucky Lake between Marshall and Trigg counties.

Gov. Steve Beshear and several representatives of the Kentucky Lake area spoke to recognize the start of construction of the new bridge. The \$131.5 million bridge will replace the existing one — built in 1932 — which has no shoulders and two 10-foot-wide lanes.

Beshear underlined the importance of U.S. 68/ Ky. 80 and the bridge for the region and the Land Between the Lakes area.

“Like many of you I’ve been waiting for this day for a long, long time ... it’s an economic lifeline for the people,” Beshear said.

The contract for the new bridge was awarded to Johnson Brothers Corp. of Fort Worth, Texas, in February. It is expected to open in December 2015 with finishing touches completed in 2016.

The new bridge will have four 11-foot-wide lanes, 4-foot-shoulders, and a 10-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle path, which Beshear called a future tourist attraction.

The bridge will feature a basket-handle tied arch design.

In addition, nearby highways will be widened. About two miles of U.S. 68/Ky. 80 will go from two lanes to four lanes from Aurora on the Marshall County side of the lake to the Land Between the Lakes.

The bridge replacement is a part of the Lakes Bridges Project, which will expand U.S. 68 to four lanes from Mayfield to Bowling Green.

“It’s going to play a big role in the future economic activity of this whole area,” Beshear said.

A second bridge is also planned for replacement. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is planning to award a contract for a new Lawrence Memorial Bridge on Lake Barkley by December. The Henry Lawrence Memorial Bridge was also built in 1932. The new version is expected to have a design similar to the new Eggner’s Ferry Bridge.

Work for the causeways for the bridge alignment is nearly complete. Jim Smith Contracting of Grand Rivers was awarded a \$25 million project in 2013 for the causeways for the new bridge alignment as well as the construction of a new bridge over a lagoon on the west side of Kentucky Lake.



ACCEPTING this month’s fine art awards are (from left) Natalie McGinnis, elementary student; Cindy Crider, art teacher accepting the award for high school student Meagan Morse; and elementary student Maddie Huddleston. The awards were presented at Monday night’s school board meeting.

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No Injury Reported In Vehicle-Train Collision

A collision involving a vehicle and a train that occurred Thursday at a railroad crossing on Ky. 813 in Mortons Gap was investigated by Kentucky State Police.

The preliminary investigation revealed David Richardson, 66, of Mortons Gap, was operating a 2002 Jeep Wrangler northbound on Ky. 813. While he was stopped at the railroad crossing as a CSX train was passing, he experienced a medical

emergency.

Richardson’s vehicle rolled under the gate and struck the side of one of the train cars. There were no injuries reported. Richardson, who was wearing a seat belt, was treated for his medical condition.

Trooper First Class John Komar investigated the collision. The Mortons Gap Volunteer Fire Department and Medical Center Ambulance Service assisted at the scene.

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following food service establishment inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department through Sept. 18.

- Mt. Fuji — 96 Violations for thermometers needed in all cooling units, wiping cloths not properly stored and fan guards in walk-in cooler in need of cleaning.
- Mr. Wok — 97 Violations for foods not properly covered in cooler and wiping cloths not properly stored.
- Wendy’s — 99 Violation for not all employees wearing hair restraints.
- Little Caesar’s Pizza — 99 Violation for flour spillage on floor beneath flour pallets.
- Daydreams Academy — 98 Violation for eggs improperly stored in refrigerator.
- Ideal Market Deli (Hanson) — 100
- James Madison School Café — 100
- Applebee’s — 98 Violations for rust on large pan holding lettuce and food spillage on floor in walk-in cooler.
- Huddle House — 97 Violations for broken handle on freezer, wiping cloths not properly

Two Are Arrested After Chase In Car, On Foot

Two Hopkins County residents were arrested Sept. 17 after fleeing Kentucky State Police.

Troopers John Komar and Bob Winters located Aubrey E. Gunn Jr., 32, of Madisonville, who had outstanding warrants for his arrest. As the troopers attempted to conduct a traffic stop in St. Charles, Gunn fled. His vehicle traveled down several side roads until it reached U.S. 62. It continued on U.S. 62, turned onto Daniel Boone Road and made a left turn onto a dirt and gravel road. It continued into a wooded area where Gunn and his passenger, April M. Corbitt, 34, of Earlington, exited the vehicle and fled on foot. They were apprehended

after a brief foot pursuit.

Gunn was charged with first-degree fleeing/evading police (motor vehicle), operating on a suspended license, first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree fleeing/evading police (on foot), resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, first-degree criminal mischief, execution of a parole violation warrant and execution of a bench warrant for failure to appear.

Corbitt was charged with second-degree fleeing/evading police (on foot) and second-degree hindering apprehension/prosecution.

Both subjects were lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week’s Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Matheaw Allard, 31, Madisonville, was arrested Sept. 15 at Rose-dale Apartments. He was charged with failure to appear on a Crittenden County warrant and failure to pay fines on a Caldwell County warrant. Capt. Jonathan Sholar was the charging officer.

—Alicia Cotton, 42, Dawson Springs, was arrested Sept. 17. She was charged with failure to

appear on a McCracken County warrant and failure to appear on a Lyon County warrant. She was also served a Lyon County criminal summons for no insurance. Capt. Jonathan Sholar was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

A local man was charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Department:

—Gary L. Vincent, 43, Beulah Road, was charged Sept. 17 with failure to appear on a warrant.

KSP Announces Date For 9th ‘Take Back Initiative’

The Kentucky State Police will partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration Saturday in a collaborative effort to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from home medicine cabinets.

This is the ninth national DEA Take Back initiative in which the agency has participated. Since the program’s inception in September 2010, the KSP has collected more than 5,600 pounds of prescription drugs. Collection activities will take place from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. at KSP Post 2.

The program is designed to be easy to use, and the Kentucky State Police offer the following tips for those interested in participating:

- Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and placing it directly into the disposal box.
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical products in consumer containers will be accepted.
- Liquid products, such as cough syrup, will not be accepted.
- Intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.

A black and white portrait of Byron Hobgood, an older man with a white beard and glasses, wearing a suit and tie.

ELECT

Hobgood

Byron Lee

FOR HOPKINS COUNTY ATTORNEY

In November, I hope voters will be more skeptical about my opponent, the present county attorney. We must look past his flowery words to understand what my opponent really may be up to.

He supports two of his assistant county attorneys, that while being employed by him, seek to be the judges in the two district courts where the county attorney serves as the prosecutor. He supports his mother who seeks to be elected to the Hopkins County Fiscal Court that approves the budget for the county attorney’s office. He strongly supports the election of his former legal client, Mr. Waide, for Hopkins County Judge Executive after representing Mr. Waide for civil accusations of wrongdoing and after finally withdrawing as his attorney because of his conflict of interest known since the circuit court hearing on a temporary injunction at least a month before he withdrew as Mr. Waide’s attorney.

Again, the Hopkins County Judge Executive position has a role in approving his budget request for the county attorney’s office. He attacked publicly two county officials at a fiscal court meeting that are his clients as county attorney. His Facebook political site in his run for a third term as county attorney states: “Protecting the future of your family is my top priority.”

I wonder if H.L. Mencken is right when he said, “The urge to save humanity is almost always a false front for the urge to rule.”

It is time to tell my opponent on November 4 that after two terms, 8 years, he does not own the county attorney’s office. The people do!

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OPINION

ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

It's hard to beat these three things

The past week was a good one. Of course, all it takes to make a good week is some time with a sweet granddaughter, time with family and some golf. It really doesn't take much.

Most people think the first day of the week is Monday. People in the weekly newspaper business sometimes think the first day of the week is whatever day the paper is dated — for us that is Wednesday. Since that's the case with us, the week began very well. Dwight Bruce and I played golf Wednesday afternoon with Tony and Steve Catlett. Tony is the publisher of the Sebree Banner; and Steve, his brother, is the father of Katie Gibson, a Dawson Springs High School teacher and the boys soccer coach.

I've always wanted to play golf in Scotland or Ireland — or any where else on the British Isles. So I guess a dream was realized — almost. We played in London.

Of course, that was London, Ky., at Crooked Creek Golf Course. Wednesday's round was a practice round of sorts in preparation for the second annual Border Wars Golf Tournament, pairing the Kentucky Press Association against the Tennessee Press Association. KPA had won the inaugural contest in Gallatin, Tenn., last year, and we hoped to capture the second one on our home turf.

Practice was needed. The course is long, the greens were fast and the hole locations were treacherous. There were several three putts during our practice round.

During the tournament, our team played very respectably, shooting a nine-under par 63. Of course we left a few strokes out there — failing to get up and down two times from just off the green and missing a short birdie putt on another hole. Drat! It's bad enough to miss those opportunities playing your own ball, but in a scramble with four opportunities — well it really gets under your skin.

We still finished in fourth place among 17 teams with the winners shooting 59 and two teams shooting 61. Those three dratted missed opportunities cost us second place.

Dwight and I played Friday at General Burnside Island State Park just south of Somerset. It's one of my favorite state park courses and was in great shape. We both played pretty well and look forward to another trip to the eastern part of the state — maybe sometime next year.

The week ended even sweeter than it began in midweek when Beth and I traveled to Nashville to see our granddaughter Clara. This was to be a very special day because it was her baptism at Forest Hills United Methodist Church.

There was a large group of family at the church, and our precious granddaughter looked beautiful, all dressed in a white dress with a white bow in her hair and a dainty little pearl bracelet. She acted even better than she looked as she never once cried or let out a scream.

My mother always tells Clara's father Robert, she didn't intend for him to have such a well behaved child. She says that because the first night Robert stayed at their house while Beth and I were gone, he cried all night long. Niles and Jed Dillingham both wanted to take him to the hospital because they knew something was wrong.

The only thing wrong with Robert that night was his mother wasn't there to hold him and spoil him.

Monday was the first day of autumn, and it sure felt like it Tuesday morning with a low temperature in the low 40s. It won't be much longer until there will be frost on the pumpkins, and the yard will be full of leaves. In the meantime, this weather is great for golf.

Monday was also the birthday of a dear friend of mine, Tommy Lasorda. Well, he's actually not a dear friend, not even a friend, but he is a Dodger through and through, and so am I (Jed was, Robert is, Kent and Dan Dillingham are, just to name a few, and Clara will be, too — we hope).

Lasorda was 87 years old and still attends almost all the Dodgers' home games. One of the main things he would have enjoyed for his birthday he didn't receive — a Dodger win over the Giants.

— One Sunday after church, the mother asked her young daughter what the lesson was about.

Her daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts." Needless to say, Mom was perplexed.

Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

— Jill's car was unreliable and she called John for a ride every time it broke down.

One day John got yet another one of those calls. "What happened this time?" he asked.

"My brakes went out," Jill said. "Can you come to get me?"

"Where are you?" John asked.

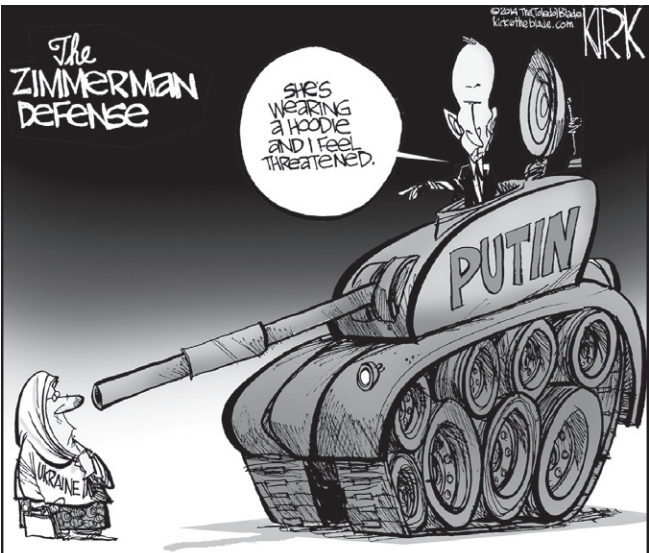
"I'm in the drug store," Jill responded.

"And where's the car?" he asked.

Jill replied, "It's in here with me."

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Commentary... Congress needs to assert its role

By Lee H. Hamilton

In his recent speech outlining his plans to use military force against the jihadists of the Islamic State, President Obama gave Congress only passing mention. "I have the authority to address the threat from ISIL," he said. "But I believe we are strongest as a nation when the president and Congress work together."

He's right, of course. But that's not the half of it.

We live in troubled times, and over the last decade or two our military has been deeply involved somewhere in the world: Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, Libya, Syria... It's a long list that will only grow longer as we're called upon to use force in the future.

Our process for deciding to use force, however, hasn't caught up with these dangerous times. It has been decades since Congress asserted any meaningful role — pretty much everyone in the country, including most members of Congress, consider military intervention to be the president's prerogative. Congress has been far too deferential: its members prefer to avoid a potentially difficult political vote, let the president take the lead, and then criticize him if he was wrong.

At the moment, much of the debate in the press and in Washington about the president's intentions revolves around the legal justifications, which I find slightly amusing. The fact is that presidents always find the legal authority to take whatever action they believe is in the country's best interest, and they have plenty of cards in their deck: self-defense, national security, protecting Americans, and their constitutional role as

commander in chief.

Indeed, there are occasions when the president must act alone. If we've been attacked or hostilities are imminent or some emergency presents itself for which force is the only response, we'd expect the president to respond effectively.

But there are powerful political reasons for making the decision to use force abroad a joint one with Congress in all but emergencies.

When our nation must deal with controversial, complicated questions, there is great value to making the president articulate his analysis of the situation and the reasons for his decisions, and to test that thinking beyond close advisors who naturally tend to support him. The best place to do so is in Congress, where fresh eyes and an independent point of view will produce tough questions. Invariably, the result is a refined White House policy and a better understanding of it by the American people.

This is unequivocally what Americans want. Even now, as a large majority of Americans support military action against ISIS, they also want Congress to weigh in, with more than 70 percent in a recent CNN poll believing President Obama should seek Congress's backing for military strikes.

This may be because Americans understand innately that military action supported by both the president and Congress carries more legitimacy at home and more conviction abroad. Internal debate on foreign policy unsettles



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our allies, who begin to doubt the sustainability of our chosen course. The U.S. is in a far stronger position before the world if it is clear that the branches of government are unified and that we are speaking with one voice as a nation.

Though my chief concern is with the politics of authorizing force, there is one legal argument I find paramount. It is common

wisdom that our Constitution is ambiguous on this subject, since it makes the president the commander in chief, yet gives Congress the ability to declare war. In a sense, though, the Constitution's message is anything but ambiguous: by giving a role to each branch, it clearly considers the use of force to be a shared decision.

This imposes a responsibility on Congress. Our system is built on the notion that Congress cannot be a bystander when it comes to the grave decision to use our military abroad. It, too, needs to take ownership of decisions to use force, for the good of the American people's understanding and acceptance of the issues at stake, and for the benefit of the nation's profile abroad.

But Congress needs to assert this role, not hide behind the expediency of letting someone else make the decision. And the president should embrace it.

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Commentary... Broadband is critical for growth

By Bruce Wiggins, John Mahre and John Peck

Infrastructure is critical to attracting, growing and retaining jobs, so it's obvious that it is incredibly important to our chamber of commerce alliances in Western Kentucky. The Chamber Leadership Initiatives for Northwestern Kentucky, the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance and the Southern Pennyrile Chamber Alliance all play an important role in advancing our region's economic growth, and part of that role is to advocate for strong public policy that encourages infrastructure investment.

As coalitions of multiple chambers of commerce in dozens of Western Kentucky communities, representing hundreds of businesses and thousands of their employees, we know good infrastructure makes our economies grow. For many years, roads and bridges were, and remain, obvious examples. Many of our chambers have, for instance, fought hard for the development of Interstate 69 which has now become a reality.

Just as important as an interstate, the broadband highway is critical to our region's growth. Broadband technology is rapidly changing every segment of our society and affecting the way we all live and work; therefore, we must move quickly to make broadband capability improvements. Technology is evolving at such an explosive rate that it doesn't take long to fall behind. Consider that the iPhone was introduced only seven years ago and has already evolved from 2G to cutting-edge 4G LTE technology. Additionally, the delivery of anytime, anyplace, any-device video is continuing to drive the need for even faster networks (infrastructure) to support it.

Western Kentucky needs more broadband service. While almost all of the existing wireless networks in the region have been upgraded to 4G LTE, there are still far too many areas without adequate coverage. Lake Barkley, among the top tourist attractions in Kentucky, is without wireless coverage in many areas. The same is true of many Ohio River counties. Furthermore, many households in our region have never had access to wireline broadband service.

What can chamber alliances in Western Kentucky do to bring this new broadband technology to every town and every household? What can individual chambers do? First, we can continue to work to build business-friendly environments at the local level so companies can invest here and deploy new technology with minimal delay. The expansion of wireless coverage requires new towers. We can and must facilitate

identifying locations for these towers. Also, the next-generation IP-broadband wirelines will require new equipment to be placed throughout each county.

However, no matter what Western Kentucky does to attract broadband investment to our area, we cannot be successful if the state legislature does not take action to make our state more business friendly to the communication companies who want to invest here to serve their customers. Kentucky must update our state telecom laws just as states all around Kentucky have already done, including Tennessee and Indiana.

We cannot wait for the broadband highway like we have had to wait for a I-69. Our three chamber alliances urge the legislature to take action to update our decades-old laws. The economic future of Western Kentucky may depend on it.

The authors serve as board chairmen of the Chamber Leadership Initiatives for Northwestern Kentucky, the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance and the Southern Pennyrile Chamber Alliance, respectively.

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago
10 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004.)

The School Council has been asked to raise the admission price to athletic events from \$3 to \$4. Cole and Cydney Collins recently celebrated birthdays at their home. Cole turned five on Aug. 13 and Cydney celebrated her first birthday Sept. 12. The funeral for Bertha Roberts, 78, was held today at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Lafayette Cemetery.

The funeral for Ina Alcova Menser, 77, was held Saturday morning, Sept. 18, at Beshear Funeral Home. burial was in Carter Cemetery.

The Panther girls grabbed their fifth win of the season by blanking University Heights 3-0.

Coach Leslie Mills' Panther cross country girls won the eight-team girls race with 43 points at the Hopkins County Central Invitational.

25 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Sept. 21, 1989.)

The funeral for Robert Sherman "Burr" Davis was held Monday afternoon, Sept. 18, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in McNeely Cemetery.

Services for William Michael "Mike" Gupton, 39, will be held at 2 p.m. today at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

50 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Sept. 24, 1964.)

County, state and federal officers smashed a big moonshine still in the Walnut Grove area of southwest Hopkins County Sunday afternoon and nabbed two operators of the illicit operation.

An Open House will be held Sunday afternoon at the new all-electric Gold Medallion Home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McNeely on River Street.

A surprise party was given Charles Raymond Brent in honor of his fifth birthday at the home of his grandmother.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Roxie May Harris Monday afternoon at the Walnut Grove Church. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Moments in time...

- On Sept. 28, 1542, Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo sails into present-day San Diego Bay during his explorations on behalf of Spain. Despite his reports of the appealing California coastline, the first Spanish settlement was not established in California for more than 200 years, when Father Junipero Serra founded his mission at San Diego in 1769.
- On Sept. 26, 1820, the great pioneering frontiersman Daniel Boone dies in Missouri. The indefatigable voyager was 86. Boone was a symbol of the western pioneering spirit for many Americans. Ironically, though, he lost his Kentucky land holdings by failing to properly register them.
- On Sept. 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issues a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, which sets a date (Jan. 1, 1863) for the freedom of more than 3 million black slaves in the United States and recasts the Civil War as a fight against slavery.
- On Sept. 23, 1908, a game between the New York Giants and Chicago Cubs ends in 1-1 tie after a controversial call at second base. The officials ruled that Giants first baseman Fred Merkle was out because he failed to touch second base, a call that has been disputed ever since.
- On Sept. 27, 1930, Atlanta golfer Bobby Jones wins his fourth major tournament of the year, making him the first person ever to win the "Grand Slam" of golf. Jones had the picture-perfect swing of every golfer's dreams, despite never having taken a lesson.
- On Sept. 25, 1959, mob assassins shoot and kill Anthony Carfano, known as Little Augie Pisano, in New York City on the orders of crime figure Meyer Lansky. Lansky was estimated to have accumulated as much as \$300 million in ill-gotten gains by the 1970s. He had an eighth-grade education, which put him far ahead of many other criminals.
- On Sept. 24, 1975, "Three Days of the Condor," a political thriller starring Robert Redford, opens in theaters. Redford played a low-level C.I.A. employee being stalked by an assassin. The film was based on the novel "Six Days of the Condor" by James Grady.

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Writing to us

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Letters to the editor

Peaches speak out

Dear Editor,

Harold and I were pleased to see positive mention of our investments in Dawson Springs. We have been welcomed with open arms in Princeton and enjoy their "what can we do to help" approach. Not so in Dawson Springs. I was very reluctant to buy the last Buckhorn building because it seemed that at every turn we felt stonewalled. I will outline some of the obstacles that we have encountered. It is up to the reader to form an opinion about why we may find it difficult to work in harmony with the local officials.

My reluctance to invest more money in property located within the city limits are:

A. Our first investment in Dawson Springs was the original Dollar General location. We sought local financing to buy the building on Railroad Ave. The downtown bank said Dawson could not support a Dollar General. Our bank in Princeton said sign the contract and they would personally bring the check to us. Our downtown location for Dollar General was later foiled because of the street's historical designation. Our tenant wanted a side of the building covered with metal. We were told that the historical rules were "only guidelines" and if we did not oppose the historical designation they would work with us. They denied our request for the siding. Our tenant told us they would leave downtown unless we built them a new store. Our attorney told local leadership that if they did not approve the requested changes, the tenant would move out of downtown and this would be the first nail in the coffin for downtown. You be the judge if that is what happened. The Railroad Ave. building was sold at a loss and appears to be some sort of private storage. I think though that the city won an award of some type for historic preservation. Seems too high a price to pay for recognition. I know it was for us.

B. We bought a former sewing factory on South Main and did extensive restoration to make it usable. We contacted a small industry that was in the process of expanding its manufacturing. Initially we leased the building to warehouse industrial equipment. Out tenant indicated its future plan was to begin manufacturing in our building. Initially the entity would be bringing equipment in and out of the building. The street serving the loading docks was changed from two-way to one-way due to construction at the school? City officials said that our tenant needed to call for a police escort for large vehicles when they needed to use their loading docks. Our tenant was not amused. I wrote to the mayor and city council and asked for the timeline for changing the street back to two-way. We got no response. Our tenant went to another town. Instead of expanding their industry into our building they are manufacturing in another city. We sold another building at a loss.

C. We bought a former cattle farm that was later annexed in the city limits. We planned on building our thoroughbred farm businesss and home there. We built wooden fences, a barn and poured the foundation for our home before the opposition began. There is not enough space to go into to this fiasco other than to say that what a difference time makes. A town that opposed our equine business is now a trail town. They also opposed our temporarily keeping a horse that was rehabbing on our property in city limits. Another financial loss.

D. We bought the building where Advance Tabco is located now. We sold that building to M30 and for a time they used part of the building for their auction business. They took the issue of tax abatement before the city council and the council failed to act on the request. The significance was, the council taking no action. A business friendly council would have voted to support a request for "any tax abatements that they may qualify for under the law." This, failure to act, was printed in several regional newspapers confirming that Dawson might be a special place but not a good place for industrial development. Additionally, there was a handwritten note put on the door of a local restaurant saying, Price Busters comes to Dawson, BIG DEAL. I think the mayor recognized the handwriting



so you will have to ask her who she thought wrote it.

E. We wrote a letter asking the city council to take a position against widening Arcadia since it would devastate almost all of the businesses in the business district. Most business would lose some or all parking among other things. We were told by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that the purpose of the widening was to provide a better drainage system, beautify the city and help manage the large traffic back-up that occurs when the schools open and close? Considering the economic impact on business, this seemed like a high price to pay. Local officials never responded to our letter. We decided to sell the Dollar General and Woodburn Drug buildings because we felt we could not depend on support from the city.

F. The process of buying the Buckhorn building was a long one since it was part of a large corporate umbrella. We had many calls indicating they had been told that city leadership and/or their family members had said that they hoped the Peaches could not buy the building. After the sale became final, it was reported that these same people said they hoped that the building stayed empty. If that is true, and we were told the same story by several people, there appears to be a culture here, where growth and development is hindered rather than fostered. Our employment needs are so great one would think petty politics would die a quiet death.

The list goes on and on. When the element of trust is gone there really isn't much to salvage in a relationship whether it be marriage or local politics. When necessary we will, as we have in the past, work with the leadership. Time after time we have felt misled; simple requests for information were not forthcoming and an absolute barrage of disparaging suppositions has been directed our way. I really don't see us, Trail Town notwithstanding, building a campfire outside of city hall and joining hands in song with city leadership. We have work to do and so does the city. Let's stop the gaming and get down to promoting growth or at the very least don't be part of the problem.

Gayla Oldham Peach
Dawson Springs

Tips about gasoline

Dear Editor,

Here are some tips on pumping gas.

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground, the more dense the gasoline. When it gets warmer, gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or evening, your gallon is not exactly a gallon.

When you're filling up, do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look, you will see that the trigger has three stages: low, middle and high. In the slow mode you should be pumping on low speed thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some other liquid that goes back to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank, so you're getting less for your money.

Always fill up when your tank is half full. The reason is this: the more gas you have in your tank, the less air is occupying its empty space. Also, gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine.

Another tip: if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, do not fill up. Most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

It bugs me that when we buy gasoline, most of it comes from the Saudis. I hate to think that every time I fill up the tank, I am sending my money to people who are trying to kill me, my family and my friends. Major companies import Middle Eastern oil. They are Shell, Chevron/Texaco, Exxon/Mobil, Marathon/Speedway and Amoco. We also receive gasoline from Citgo from South America, but they don't like us much.

The large companies that do not import any Middle East oil are Sunoco, Conoco, Sinclair, BP/Phillips, Hess and Arco. Unfortunately, this area is not likely to have these stations near us, so just do the best you can. I hope this helps to keep everyone informed. Thanks.

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Mary Adams' Final Day As Librarian Will Be Tuesday

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One of her most humorous memories is of a morning in preschool story hour when in the middle of the Pledge of Allegiance, a little boy suddenly announced, "Miss Mary, you have bad breath."

"Oh, I drank some rotten coffee this morning," she replied, and they continued with the recitation.

"Miss Trudy and I have laughed about that many times since," Adams said.

In addition to working with

children, Adams' favorite part of the job and one she will definitely miss is helping patrons.

"I am going to miss interacting with the patrons and seeing the children when we did something during story hour they have always wanted to do like having a beach party in the library or making mud pies," she said.

Adams said she has always loved books and reading, and her interest in becoming a librarian began when she was a student at Christian County High School. Rather than take

a study hall, she worked in the school library. The rest, as the cliché goes, is history.

Adams is pleased with what has been accomplished during her time at the library and is most proud of the murals on the outside of the building, the Katherine Barnett Computer Lab and the story hour room. Although some projects have yet to be done, she believes improvements will continue to be made.

"Angel, the new librarian, will jump in and continue right where I am leaving off,"

Adams said. "She will improve upon the library. Already she has in the works a new circulation system software program for the library system."

Adams may be retiring from the library, but she will still be busy. She looks forward to enjoying her home and family, raising a few chickens and a garden. She will now have time for hobbies such as sewing, quilting and reading and plans to try her hand at writing.

"I feel like my days will be so full I will wonder how I ever did a 40-hour work week," she

said.

Adams still plans to work on community projects such as next month's Ghost Walk. She might also be persuaded to do the Friends of the Library lasagna luncheon in April.

"It's been a pleasure to work for the community of Dawson Springs. So many of you have touched my life and made me a better person," Adams said. "Before I go, I want to say thank you for all your kindness and generosity. Give Angel a chance, just as you did me. I love my library!"

Rev. Larry Davidson's Final Sermon Here Is Sunday

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know Davidson from his work with DAPS. The local food bank underwent a reorganization soon after he came to Dawson Springs, and Davidson became an integral part of Dawson Area Personal Services.

"Involvement with DAPS will be one of the things I'll always remember and cherish because of the reorganizing and all the volunteers," he

said. "It really blows my mind when I think how supportive the area is with DAPS. Everybody is so generous. It's just unbelievable how this community has responded."

The Davidsons are looking forward to spending time with family now that they will both be retired. Colleen recently retired from Baptist Health Madisonville.

The couple have four daughters and eight grandchildren, most of whom will be here

Sunday for their father's and grandfather's final service.

The Davidsons and their dogs Bentley and Mercedes will leave Sunday afternoon for their new home in Muncie, Ind. Moving from a town of 3,000 to one of 70,000 will be a big change.

"We will be on the outskirts of Muncie, but we're going to miss that small town feeling," Davidson commented.

They will also miss the small town people.

"When I was in the hospital this last time, a lot of people from the community stopped in and sent cards," Davidson said. "The love and compassion this community has, we will miss that."

Their new home is near their youngest daughter and her family who live outside Muncie. The other children are in Vincennes, Ind., Boca Raton, Fla., and Kansas City, Mo., but retirement will mean more free time to visit.

"We will leave Dawson Springs and the First Christian Church with many wonderful memories that will always go with us. We can safely say — without any reservation — we are truly thankful that we have had the privilege of working along side some of the greatest people on the face of the earth. We could not have asked for a better family of God to call our last pastorate," Davidson said.



TATUM ROSE, a member of the Dawson Springs High School Marching Band Color Guard, performs at the town show at the school Friday, Sept. 19.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

\$6 Million Budget Is Passed By Board

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senior high principal, told the board small gaps on the fall test can be attributed to "summer slide," but larger gaps mean instruction has not been retained.

Math scores also indicate students in third and fourth grades have the most work to do to reach end-of-year goals. Seventh, eighth and ninth grades show a small gap, but 11th and 12th grades are doing very well.

"With MAP results, we're better able to meet students' needs," said elementary principal Jennifer Ward.

MAP is closely correlated with K-Prep, the state-mandated testing done in the spring. MAP results are used at all grade levels to plan for differentiated instruction. Placement in RTI or accelerated courses is based on MAP testing.

DPP Kent Workman gave an enrollment and attendance report for the first month of the school year. As of Sept. 15, enrollment was 341 in elementary school, 305 in junior-senior high and 41 in preschool.

"We've got some really good numbers going on," Workman said regarding attendance percentages.

District attendance for the first month was 97.2 percent.

On High Attendance Day last week, an outbreak of strep throat brought elementary numbers down to 94.15 percent. Grades 7-12 posted 97.36 percent that day, which Workman said is very good for the upper grades. A \$500 prize will be given by the state to the school with the highest attendance in each category.

In his superintendent's report, Whalen said the start of the school year has been very exciting and positive. He meets weekly with administrators to discuss concerns. Last week he conducted four focus groups — certified employees, classified employees, community and business leaders, and parents.

Personnel action included the hiring of Mary Beth Drennan, cook/baker; Chris Smiley, substitute bus driver; Brooke Barnett, Mary Grace Chappell, Laura Garrett, Shannon Garrett and Sabrina Abbott, substitute teachers.

Whalen recognized fine art award winners Natalie McGinnis and Maddie Huddleston from the elementary school and high school student Meagan Morse. Junior high teacher Kati Griffin was also recognized for outstanding effort as a result of numerous positive comments from colleagues.

Principal Explains Testing To Council

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faculty is using differentiated instruction as well as accelerated learning. The most advanced math students in grades 6, 7, and 8 have been moved up to the next grade level this year.

The council approved the budget report showing a balance of \$25,487. As of Sept. 16, 16.3 percent of the year's allocation had been used.

Parent representative Cassie Ipock, who attended the recent Kentucky Association of School Councils conference as a member of the board of

directors, said she believes it is beneficial for council members to attend the conference because they can get tips on what high performing schools are doing. The current junior-senior high council did not attend this year.

Stockman asked Ipock to present information from the conference which she found helpful at future council meetings.

Stockman said he has completed the first cycle of teacher observations.

"I thought everybody was better at the beginning of the year this year than at the end of the

year last year," he said.

Test data from K-Prep, end-of-course exams, etc. has been received but is embargoed. Stockman has discussed the results with teachers who signed confidentiality agreements. The data will be released Oct. 3, and a presentation will be made at the October council meeting.

The annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the school. Amie Thomas is coordinating this year's event.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held Oct. 15 at 4 p.m.



CONNOR PROW plays the sousaphone at the town show Friday, Sept. 19, the first public performance for this year's Dawson Springs High School Marching Band.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

Annual PTO Fall Festival To Be Friday

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football toss, ninth grade; snow cones, 10th grade; jail and glow products, 11th grade; chili supper and dunking booth, 12th grade.

Also, fast pitch, baseball team; lemon shake ups, softball team; hair spray and nail polish, cross country teams; funnel cakes, FCA; marriage booth and canned drinks, Jr. Pro cheerleaders; face painting, academic

team; lucky lolly pops, boys soccer; golf fish toss, girls soccer; toy walk, Boy Scouts; water throw, middle school basketball; and headbands, high school cheerleaders.

Guys win on senior night

Dylan Simpson helped the Panthers boys soccer team give senior Steven Bearden a senior night present with a 4-2 win Monday at Riverside Park over district-rival Hopkins County Central.

Simpson, a sophomore playing his first year of varsity soccer scored all four goals for his team, doing one better than a hat trick.

The win is the second of the year, and second against the Storm, for the Panthers against seven losses.

After giving up an early goal to the Storm on a deflection into the net, Simpson came right back with two of his own, one three minutes later and the other five minutes later to give the Panthers a 2-1 lead at halftime.

The ball found the net for Simpson just over halfway through the second half to give the Panthers a 3-1 lead.

A few minutes later, the Storm accepted a gift goal from the Panthers to pull within one, but Simpson found the goal again late in the second half.

Cole Parker assisted Simpson on one of the goals. Tanner Weir, Jon Williams and Jacob Messamore all had shots on goal.

"We started out slow and allowed Central to get the first goal by the ball deflecting off a player into the net," head coach Katie Gibson said. "I'm proud of our boys for maintaining their focus, motivation and communication throughout the game."

The Panthers lost 9-0 Thursday at Trigg County (8-4).

"They dominated the field the majority of the game," Gibson said. "I don't think our boys played bad, Trigg is just a very good team."

The Panthers played at Riverside Park yesterday against Logan County (the score was not known at press time).

The remainder of the regular season games are also at home. Lyon County, who the Panthers only lost to 3-2 earlier this year, will play Thursday with St. Mary's coming to town Tuesday.

Golfers beat Lyon

The Panther golf team picked up a win over Lyon County Thursday at the golf course at Pennyryle Forest State Resort Park. The score was 194 to 230.

Schuler Storms led the way for the Panthers and was medalist with a 39 on the par 36 Pennyryle course. His teammates and their scores were: D.J. Thorp, 47; Dakota Jones, 49; Asher Lucas, 59; and David Price, 59.

The Lyons were led by Bailey Fowler's 41. Cullen Brown, one of the best players in the region, did not play for Lyon County. He was in France participating in the Junior Ryder Cup.

The Panthers played with 18 other teams in the Muhlenberg County Invitational on Saturday at Central City Country Club.

Union County and Daviess County tied for the low score with a 328, but Union County was declared the winner. Henderson County and Owensboro Catholic each scored 331.

Catholic's John Augenstein was medalist with a 73 after tying with Daviess County's Will Foreman, who also shot 73.

The Panthers finished 19th with a 460.

Storms led the Panthers with a 97; Thorp, 112; Jones, 117; Lucas, 134; Price, 186.

The final match of the regular season is Thursday at Pennyryle against Christian Fellowship. The regional tournaments are Monday for the girls at Lakeshore Country Club in Madisonville and Tuesday for the boys at Ben Hawes Golf Course.

St. Mary's run held

A large field participated in the St. Mary's Invitational Cross Country Meet Saturday at Noble Park in Paducah.

The Panther girls and boys harriers did not have enough runners to compete as a team, but several individuals participated.

Kaylee Simpson was the top Panther girl with a time of 24:36.3, good for 36th place. Paige Hendrix was 62nd in 26:03.0; Andie Mills was 105th in 30:43.5; and Allie Mills was 111th in 32:14.3.

Graves County won the race, followed by Murray and Webster County. Eleven schools fielded teams.

The Panther boys were led by Ryne Bruch's 41st place finish in a time of 20:34.2. Dylan Simpson was 54th in 21:24.6 and Austin Clark finished 107th in 24:59.7.

Webster County, Graves County and Calloway County were first, second and third, respectively, in the 12-team field.

The Panther middle school boys team finished in ninth place among 12 teams. Muhlenberg County was the winner, followed by McCracken County.

Ty Akin led the Panthers with a 15th place finish in 16:09 in the 4k run. Other Panthers with their finish positions and times were: Landon Pace, 40th, 17:39.7; Skyler Clark, 62nd, 18:30.7; Ethan Stuart,

63rd, 18:32.0; Logan McKnight, 68th, 18:53.5; Christian Abbott, 82nd, 19:58.1; Talan Moore, 92nd, 20:42.5; Charles Abbott, 107th, 21:31.4; and Tyler Weir, 115th, 21:55.1.

The Panther middle school girls finished in 11th place. Muhlenberg County was the winner, followed by College View Middle.

Sabreyn Pleasant led the Panthers with a 53rd place finish in 21:45.8. The other girls were: Aubrie Gunn, 58th, 22:15.5; Skyler Garrison, 69th, 23:24.8; Mallory Hall, 94th, 31:16.2; and Rachel Morse, 95th, 31:29.8.

The elementary Panther boys finished in fifth place in the seven-team field. Saints Peter and Paul was the winner.

Matthew Cunningham led the Panthers with 23rd place in 8:01.0. The other boys were: Jacob Back, 25th, 8:03.8; Colton Dismang, 29th, 8:08.6; Chris Jones, 30th, 8:09.1; Alex Mitchell, 38th, 8:29.8; and Greyson Pleasant, 45th, 8:50.1.

There were not enough elementary Panther girls to field a team; however, Trinity Randolph and Brooklyn Clark finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in times of 7:56.0 and 8:00.6. Desiree Hunt finished 29th in 9:13.9.

The Panthers are scheduled to run in Saturday's Marshall County Invitational. The first race is to begin at 9 a.m.



TORI BULLOCK (5) prepares to send a pass upfield to a teammate during Monday's home match against Hopkins County Central at Riverside Park. The visiting Storm won 4-1.

Girls bow to Central

With four seniors on the Panther girls soccer team, the first win of the season would have been quite an accomplishment Monday against district rival Hopkins County Central.

However, the best laid plans don't always come to fruition, and the first win turned into the Panthers' 12th loss of the year as the Storm outscored the Panthers 4-1.

The Storm scored two first-half goals for the halftime lead.

"We came out sluggish and not very aggressive," head coach Elizabeth Robinson said.

Panther senior Alyssa Pugh scored early in the second half to bring the Panthers within one goal at 2-1.

The Storm then found two insurance goals late in the second half for the win.

"I was very pleased with the way we played and our intensity in the second half," Robinson said. The Panthers had 11 shots on goal in the last half.

Panther goalie Taylor Whalen had 11 saves.

The Panthers lost 10-0 Sept. 16 at McLean County and 6-0 Thursday at Trigg County.

The Panthers played at Crittenden County yesterday (the score was not known at press time) and will play the Rockets at Riverside Park Tuesday. In an earlier game this year, the Panthers lost 2-1 to Crittenden County.

In another rematch of a 2-1 loss, the Panthers will host Lyon County Thursday.



MEDALISTS at the Thunder & Lightning cross country meet included (front, from left) Aubrie Gunn, Trinity Randolph, Brooklyn Clark, (back) Sabreyn Pleasant, Kaylee Simpson, Ryne Bruch, Ty Akin and Paige Hendrix.

Panther harriers place 3rd

The Panther boys harriers finished third in a six-team field at the Thunder and Lightning Invitational held Sept. 23 at Hopkins County Central.

Ryne Bruch led the Panthers with a ninth place finish in 20:42. He was followed by: Isiah Abbott, 18th, 22:26; Devan Baker, 20th, 22:51; Jett McKnight, 24th, 23:43; and Austin Clark, 26th, 24:36.

Muhlenberg County, led by Atlee Campbell's first place finish in 18:25, won the meet, followed by Henderson County.

The Panther girls did not field a complete team. Paige Hendrix led the Panthers with an eighth place finish in 25:18. Kaylee Simpson finished 10th in 25:25; Andie Mills was 21st

in 32:24; and Allie Mills was 24th in 34:31.

The Panther boys finished in second place in the 3K run for middle schoolers with Ty Akin leading the way in fifth place with a time of 9:56.

He was followed by Christian Abbott, 8th, 10:07; Landon Pace, 16th, 10:53; Skyler Clark, 20th, 11:10; Charles Abbott, 22nd, 11:21; Ethan Stuart, 23rd, 11:22; Logan McKnight, 24th, 11:33; Talan Moore, 32nd, 12:46; and Tyler Weir, 37th, 13:23.

The girls also did not have enough runners to field a team in this event. Aubrie Gunn finished in third place with a time of 12:04. Sabreyn Pleasant was eighth in 12:54; Skyler Garrison was 11th in 13:36;

and Rachel Morse was 17th in 14:54.

The Panther boys finished third among three teams in the 1600-meter dash for elementary schoolers. Chris Jones led the way for the Panthers in 13th place with a time of 7:20. The other boys were: Colton Dismang, 15th, 7:30; Jacob Back, 16th, 7:31; Matthew Cunningham, 18th, 7:39; Alex Mitchell, 19th, 8:10; and Greyson Pleasant, 20th, 8:39.

The girls didn't have a complete team but had runners finish in third and fourth place. Brooklyn Clark was third in 7:08 and Trinity Randolph finished fourth in 7:11. Desiree Hunt finished in 14th with a time of 7:54.

Chapman score on Shock & Disbelief meter: 9.0

One can almost hear editorial brain cells bubbling at Sports Illustrated. Plans spinning for the next hot rehab story. Make that a series.

Title? How I Lost My Way and Journey Back from Bad Behavior. Subjects: Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson and whatever name Metta World Peace is using these days, and Rex Chapman. Rex Chapman! A thief? On a Shock and Disbelief meter this one rates a 9.0.

But there it was in fuzzy black and white, a stark and resigned, almost pleading stare. Rex Chapman in standard police mug shot.

Dateline Scottsdale, Arizona, Sept. 19, police spokesman Mark Clark told media that managers at an Apple electronics store "alerted police to the thefts in August and multiple employees recognized the thief as Chapman "based on his previous celebrity status as an NBA basketball player."

Arrested for allegedly taking \$14,000-worth of items to a pawn shop and selling them. Booked on nine counts of organized retail theft and five counts of trafficking in stolen property, all felonies, Rex Chapman.

The news in Kentucky is another blow-to-the-brain for the good-hearted across our state who revere basketball heroes. Good folks who've already been slapped in their collective face by a Dan Issel bankruptcy; Derrick Miller, then Ed Davender, then Richie Farmer gone to prison.

The fall of one-time wonder boy Chapman is more than sad, it's hateful news. The kind that fuels anger and resignation we normally expect from negative-attack politicians desperate to get elected.

Pinnacle to puzzling

I believe, the pinnacle of Chapman's basketball life happened before the nickname King Rex (bad idea) stuck. Before the celebrity and fame, and before big money, too.

Winter 1985-86, Chapman and his Owensboro Apollo team made a 32-minute showtime, sailed through



BOB WATKINS

Sports in Kentucky

a 25-5 season. The Skinny One high jumped opponents, floated down the lane, was ball-in-hand magical, a veritable wizard. The Skinny One made college recruiters drool, NBA scouts, too.

In spring 1986, after pocketing a Mr. Basketball award, things began to go south. Here came the ugliness. Skin color and show-me-the-money. Basketball was business.

✓ Chapman wanted to play for Denny Crum at Louisville, but was persuaded his economic future would be better served at Kentucky. Two years on, at 21, he would be rich, eighth pick in the NBA Draft by Charlotte, who would average 16.9 points as a rookie.

✓ In 1986 UK returned three starters from a 32-4 season. Leading scorer the following season (18-11), freshman Chapman. His media share spawned hints of team discord and resentment.

✓ Following year, with NCAA sanctions imminent, and suffocating hero-worship and grumbings about his dating habits, Chapman led the 25-5 Wildcats with 19 points a game. He left UK.

Then, strangely, a string of puzzling remarks from Wonder Boy left some of scratching our heads.

✓ In 2005 Chapman uttered his first absurdity — that Allan Houston and Derek Anderson were overlooked by Kentucky sportswriters in high school because they were black.

✓ Turning darkly, he told a reporter his going to UK was seen as "the great white hope."

In truth, Houston, two-time all-state and Mr. Basketball in 1989, seldom saw a Louisville newspaper or television news cycle without his name included. Wade Houston's kid was praised by media then, and arguably still rates as the finest high school player in Kentucky history.

Anderson, a star at Doss High, was like a long list of in-state high schoolers before and since, labeled too skinny and a 'tweener by coaches at UK and UofL. He signed with Ohio State, transferred to Kentucky and earned his way to fame, prosperity and a UK degree in pharmacy.

And his great-white-hope idea was a cynical notion from a minority of miserable racists he chose to

validate.

Chapman's assessments were, to be kind, puzzling. Fast forward to March, 2014. Chapman's mouth went flapping again. Citing a reliable source, he guaranteed the next Los Angeles Lakers coach would be John Calipari. When media scrutiny grew hot, Chapman retreated and went silent.

Then came August in Scottsdale. Chapman allegedly started stealing things. His arrest last week, the shame and embarrassment that comes with it, is hard to swallow.

But, wait for it: Redefinition of Kentucky's wonder boy — Sports Illustrated big seller in, say, 2018.

Baseball's feel good: the Pirates!

The St. Louis Cardinals are back in the hunt for another World Series trip.

That's the old news. The feel-good news is in Pittsburgh.

The Pirates, with bailing wire, band-aids and bubble gum, manager Clint Hurdle his team back in the National League playoffs. A record 51 wins at home made for a new attendance high, 2.4-plus million paying customers. And, the Feel Good of feel good stories of the year — utility man Josh Harrison (.318 at the weekend) rose to be a contender for a league batting title.

Raise the Jolly Roger.

Worth repeating

Growing out of another John Calipari whine about Duke's basketball coach, Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said Calipari is being disingenuous.

I prompted one sports writer to say: "Next thing we know Mike Krzyzewski will be taking credit for DeMarcus Cousins' development as an NBA player."

Comment: No reason for Krzyzewski to make the claim, but truth is, he could. Cousins spent more time playing for Team USA than he did pretending to be a student for Calipari at Kentucky.

And so it goes.

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Scouting for a successful deer hunt

By KEVIN KELLY
Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Work, family and school commitments can leave little free time in a day, but hunters can help themselves by carving out some time to scout an area.

Kentucky's archery season for deer is underway with the crossbow, youth-only firearm, muzzleloader and modern gun deer seasons still to come. So there's time to find a place to hunt and scout it.

"I think it increases your odds of success and your chances for a big deer," said Chad Miles, an avid deer hunter and executive director of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Studying topographical maps and satellite imagery is a good first step to learning the lay of the land and scouting more efficiently. But there's no substitute for personal experience; walking the terrain; seeing where the deer bed, what's available for them to eat and what routes they travel.

"If you can spend enough time at the property, know how deer move through it," said David Yancy, deer biologist with Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Where are the chokepoints? Know the creek drainage pattern. The low spot on the ridgeline? That's where they're going to cross because it's less effort. Those kinds of things are important during gun season."

Tracks, droppings and hair caught on fencing are tell-tale signs deer are in the area. Rub lines and scrapes are additional clues that show up as deer transition from their summer pattern. Deer become less visible in open spaces as acorns begin to hit the ground and the rut approaches. After the rut, available food sources and cover become all-important.

"If you're not hunting big, timbered areas, you're looking for bottleneck areas where you've got thickets near fence lines that connect forage areas," Miles said. "Big deer are going to do their absolute best to remain out of sight as much as they can until the rut makes them crazy. They're going to slip through those little areas where they're going to be visible the least amount of time. I'm looking for those types of areas if

Kentucky Afield



KENTUCKY AFIELD PHOTO

Preseason scouting increases the chances of a successful deer hunt. Kentucky hunters set September harvest records in each of the past three seasons and are off to a productive start this year.

I'm scouting for gun season."

A GPS is a handy tool that can help a hunter keep track of these spots and potential tree stand locations.

When considering a stand location, note the wind direction. This is easily accomplished with wind direction powder or by simply crumbling a dried leaf and tossing it into the air. Checking the weather online the day of a hunt can help determine where to set up.

"The quicker you can get to that stand and get your scent off the ground and create as little disturbance as possible, the best chance you're going to be successful going after that big deer," Miles said.

Tickets on sale for Oct. 4 DU banquet



The Caldwell County Ducks Unlimited Committee will host its 34th annual DU banquet at the Area 2 State Fire and Rescue Training Center on Hwy. 62 West in Princeton Saturday, Oct. 4.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m.

The live auction will begin at 7:15 p.m. but a variety of raffles, games and a silent auction are also planned for the evening.

"Through the years, we saw our numbers grow to over 30 sponsors and more than 200 members," said DU Committee member Joey McCaslin.

"But the last few years, while we have seen our sponsor numbers hold strong, our membership has fallen to just a little over 150.

Tickets for the DU banquet may be bought in advance or may be purchased at the door on the night of the event.

Those buying advance tickets will have their names put in for a special early bird drawing for prizes.

Ticket costs are \$35 for an individual, \$50 for couples and \$15 for Greenwings (youth DU members). Those attending the banquet may also pay at the \$250 Bronze Sponsor level.

A DU Bronze sponsorship includes two tickets to the banquet, membership in DU for 12 months with a monthly magazine and newsletter, a 2014 sponsor pin and decal and a chance in the special sponsors drawing with prizes including a shotgun and Yeti cooler, accord-

ing to McCaslin.

To purchase advance tickets, contact any member of the local DU committee, including David Crenshaw, who may be reached at Caldwell County EMS by calling 270-365-3787.

Crenshaw can provide information on how to become a DU sponsor as well.

The community is invited to attend the banquet and support the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

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Archery season for deer in Kentucky continues through Jan. 19, 2015. Hunters set September harvest records in each of the past three seasons and the numbers indicate this season is off to another strong start. Archers reported taking more than 3,100 deer as of Sept. 18 with antlered deer making up roughly one third of the harvest total.

The crossbow deer seasons are Oct. 1-19 and Nov. 8-Dec. 31, while the youth-only firearms season for deer is Oct. 11-12. Muzzleloader season is Oct. 18-19 and Dec. 13-21. Statewide modern gun deer season opens Nov. 8 and continues through Nov. 17 or Nov. 23, depending on the zone.

For more information about fall hunting opportunities in Kentucky, consult the 2014-15 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide. It is available online at fw.ky.gov or wherever licenses are sold.

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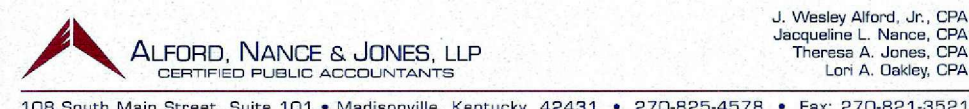
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Dawson Springs Municipal Waterworks And Sewer System

(a component of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky)

Financial Statements for year ended June 30, 2014



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of the Dawson Springs
Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System
Dawson Springs, Kentucky

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Dawson Springs Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System, component unit of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Dawson Springs Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Dawson Springs Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Dawson Springs Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System's basic financial statements. The supplemental information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplemental information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information, as listed in the table of contents, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 28, 2014 on our consideration of the Dawson Springs Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Dawson Springs Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Alford, Nance & Jones, LLP

Madisonville, Kentucky
August 28, 2014

DAWSON SPRINGS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM (a component unit of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky)

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2014 and 2013

ASSETS	2014	2013
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,152	\$ 33,114
Receivables:		
Customers	134,766	121,990
Landfill fees	20,682	22,483
Utility tax	1,261	1,140
South Hopkins Water District	49,059	-
Supplies inventory	22,511	22,321
Prepaid insurance	12,416	5,627
Total current assets	268,847	206,675
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted assets - Cash	401,755	528,673
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	8,346,173	8,632,683
Total noncurrent assets	8,747,928	9,161,356
Total assets	9,016,775	9,368,031
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred savings from refunding bonds	51,081	66,698
Total deferred outflows	51,081	66,698
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	38,772	40,927
Payable to South Hopkins Water District	-	3,422
Accrued liabilities	44,443	48,073
Construction payable	65,000	-
Current portion of bond and loan obligations	151,916	255,707
Customer deposits	67,468	67,704
Accrued interest payable	27,754	30,331
Total current liabilities	395,353	446,164
Noncurrent portion of bond and loan obligations	2,605,995	2,768,216
Total liabilities	3,001,348	3,214,380
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	5,603,666	5,709,250
Restricted for:		
Debt service	97,094	164,267
Capital projects	298,279	329,533
Unrestricted	67,469	17,299
Total net position	\$ 6,066,508	\$ 6,220,349

DAWSON SPRINGS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM (a component unit of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION

for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
Operating revenues:		
Water department	\$ 1,005,207	\$ 893,500
Sewer department	381,947	367,960
Other	28,221	30,090
Total operating revenues	1,415,375	1,291,550
Operating expenses:		
Water production	692,322	592,847
Water distribution	62,667	112,485
Sewer	233,300	205,676
General and administrative	123,948	124,227
Depreciation	369,047	371,999
Total operating expenses	1,481,284	1,407,234
Operating income (loss)	(65,909)	(115,684)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest income	86	44
Interest expense	(86,562)	(106,463)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(2,406)	(3,283)
Income (loss) before capital contributions	(154,791)	(225,386)
Capital contributions		
-tap fees	950	-
-facility reserve	-	11,328
-capital grants	-	263
Change in net position	(153,841)	(213,795)
Total net position, July 1	6,220,349	6,434,144
Total net position, June 30	\$ 6,066,508	\$ 6,220,349

DAWSON SPRINGS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM (a component unit of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,355,220	\$ 1,221,984
Payments to suppliers	(783,160)	(674,069)
Payments to employees	(347,776)	(345,895)
Net cash provided by operating activities	224,284	202,020
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(85,844)	(65,973)
Proceeds from construction loan	65,000	-
Proceeds from sale of asset	901	-
Principal paid on capital debt	(250,395)	(253,953)
Interest paid on capital debt	(86,861)	(83,897)
Capital contributions	950	11,591
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities	(356,249)	(392,232)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	85	44
Net cash provided by investing activities	85	44
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(131,880)	(190,168)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	561,787	751,955
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 429,907	\$ 561,787
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (65,909)	\$ (115,684)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	369,047	371,999
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(60,155)	11,257
Inventory	(190)	315
Prepaid insurance	(6,789)	(466)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(5,277)	(82,444)
Accrued liabilities	(6,207)	14,583
Customer deposits	(236)	2,460
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 224,284	\$ 202,020

SURVIVE AND ADVANCE

Joey Logano wins in Loudon, punches ticket to Chase’s second round

The name of the game thus far in NASCAR’s revamped Chase for the Sprint Cup has been less about “win and move on” and more about “survive and advance.”

Team Penske’s Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano have captured victories at Chicagoland Speedway and New Hampshire Motor Speedway, respectively, in the first two of 10 races. However, with four drivers set to be eliminated following the Dover race on Sunday, the order of the day for most has been simply to avoid the pitfalls that would drop them into the bottom four in the standings.

Those pitfalls were plentiful in Loudon, N.H., where no less than eight Chase participants suffered in-race setbacks that, at the least, handicapped their day and in the cases of Kurt Busch and Denny Hamlin, hampered their larger Chase hopes.

Hamlin, who entered the Sylvania 300 eighth in the standings and 12 points ahead of the cut-off, showed early strength, leading 32 laps. However, a fuel pickup problem that prevented the crew from filling his Toyota full of gasoline dropped the No. 11 four laps down. His bad day got worse when he was swept up in an accident on lap 180. He finished 37th and plummeted in the standings to 13th, six points out of the top 12.

Busch faced similar issues and suffered much the same fate. Having already been forced to pit for a loose wheel, Busch made contact with Jamie McMurray while racing for 14th. The resulting flat right front tire found him in the wall with 80 laps to go. He dropped six spots in the standings to 15th, eight points behind the 12th-place cutoff.

Hamlin and Busch join Greg Biffle (14th, minus-six points) and Aric Almirola (16th, minus-10 points) as those currently on the outside looking in as the elimination race looms. Almirola made a valiant effort to stay Chase relevant in New Hampshire, wheeling his No. 43 Richard Petty Motorsports Ford to a solid sixth-place showing. This was on the heels of a top-10 run gone bad in Joliet, Ill., when his engine expired late in the race. That failure dropped him to 41st on the pylon, seriously hindering his underdog title hopes.

Meanwhile, Team Penske is riding high. Winners of four of the last five races, Keselowski and Logano appear a clear step ahead of their closest rivals.



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NEW HAMPSHIRE



Joey Logano performs a victory burnout following his win in the Sylvania 300. (All photos by Action Sports, Inc.)

“Personally, I consider this my worst racetrack — terrible to say because it’s my home race-track — but I’ve always struggled when I come here,” said Logano, a native of Middletown, Conn. “To be able to win at your worst racetrack, that makes you feel like you can win anywhere. It’s special to be able to do that.”

“The confidence is high at the 22 team right now. All of Team Penske, we all feel like we’ve got some championships to win this year, not only on the Cup side, but the Nationwide side also, and with IndyCar. We’re just trying to catch up to them.”

The Cup Series visits Dover International Speedway on Sunday. It’s a track where six-time champion Jimmie Johnson has excelled to the tune of a track-record nine wins. While his No. 48 team — traditionally one that peaks during the Chase — has been solid with six consecutive runs of 12th or better, it has taken a clear backseat to the Penske duo.

“Truth be told, you look at the No. 4 (Kevin Harvick) and look at the No. 2 (Keselowski) and you look at the No. 24 (Jeff Gordon) consistently over the year, those guys have been there,” Johnson said prior to the New Hampshire race. “It’s a new rules package. Believe me, we’re working our guts out to find the speed and to be that dominant car. But truthfully, we’re not the dominant car right now. We’re a good car.”

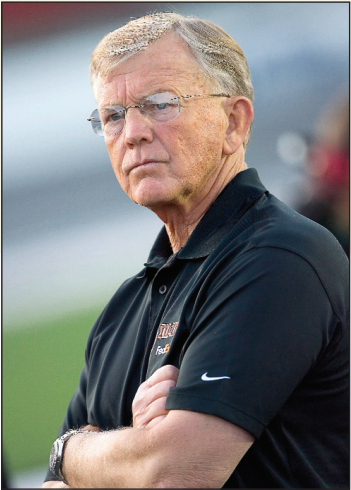
The schedule does set up well for Johnson. Dover may be his best track on the circuit, while Charlotte, where he’s won seven points-paying events, is a favorable draw for the team in the next round. Texas (three wins) and Phoenix (four) await in the third round. And then, as Johnson notes, it’s a one-race show:

“If we continue to get the most out of our good car and have a great car at Homestead, if we’re in that position, then we can get seven (championships).”

NASCAR NEWS & NOTES

CHANGE IS COMING TO JGR Joe Gibbs Racing is expanding to a four-car operation in 2015 with the new No. 19 and driver Carl Edwards. But more changes are in the works than just expansion. Team owner Joe Gibbs (right) told the media last Wednesday that driver-crew chief shuffles are in the works. The current landscape finds Darian Grubb paired with Denny Hamlin, Dave Rogers with Kyle Busch and Jason Ratcliff with Matt Kenseth. However, the Toyota flagbearer has been a clear step behind Ford’s Team Penske and Chevrolet’s Hendrick Motorsports.

“We’ve already decided,” Gibbs said, “but we need to talk to the sponsors and have quite a few discussions yet with people.”



CREW CHIEF’S TAKE: DOVER

“Dover can be a mean place. That monster mascot is fitting – this place can jump out and bite you before you even realize what happened. Dover can be as physically demanding on the driver as any track on the circuit. It’s super-fast and the loads the driver has to endure diving into those corners all day take their toll. The concrete surface is something we don’t face often, and it presents challenges – although one good aspect is the track stays pretty consistent throughout the race. The rubber likes to lay on top of the track, making it a slick surface.”



NUMBERS GAME

Team Penske’s two-car lineup of Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano have combined for nine wins in the 2014 Sprint Cup season. Four of those victories have come in the last five races. By comparison, Hendrick Motorsports’ four-driver team of Dale Earnhardt Jr. (3 wins), Jeff Gordon (3), Jimmie Johnson (3) and Kasey Kahne (1) have totaled 10 wins this season.

SPRINT CUP STANDINGS

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Brad Keselowski (5)	2097	—
2. Joey Logano (4)	2096	-1
3. Kevin Harvick (2)	2090	-7
4. Jimmie Johnson (3)	2080	-17
5. Kyle Busch (1)	2077	-20
6. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (3)	2077	-20
7. Jeff Gordon (3)	2070	-27
8. Matt Kenseth	2057	-40
9. Carl Edwards (2)	2057	-40
10. AJ Allmendinger (1)	2056	-41

NATIONWIDE STANDINGS

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Chase Elliott (3)	992	—
2. Regan Smith (1)	972	-20
3. Ty Dillon (1)	954	-38
4. Brian Scott	937	-55
5. Elliott Sadler (1)	931	-61
6. Trevor Bayne	900	-92
7. Chris Buescher (1)	817	-175
8. Brendan Gaughan (1)	798	-194
9. Ryan Reed	739	-253
10. James Buescher	727	-265

TRUCK STANDINGS

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Matt Crafton (2)	602	—
2. Johnny Sauter (1)	595	-7
3. Ryan Blaney (1)	578	-24
4. Darrell Wallace (2)	567	-35
5. German Quiroga Jr.	530	-72
6. Joey Coulter	527	-75
7. Ben Kennedy	509	-93
8. Timothy Peters	508	-94
9. Jeb Burton	491	-111
10. Ron Hornaday	460	-142

TRACK ON TAP

SPRINT CUP SERIES

Race: AAA 500
Track: Dover International Speedway
Location: Dover, Del.
Date: Sunday, Sept. 28
TV: ESPN (1:00 p.m.)
Layout: 1.0-mile oval
Banking/Turns: 24 degrees
June 2014 Winner: Jimmie Johnson



DOVER INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

2014 Race Length: 400 miles/400 laps • Track Qualifying Record: 161.894 mph (Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2013) • Race Record: 132.719 mph (Mark Martin, 1997)

TOP 10 ACTIVE DRIVERS (Minimum three starts)

	Starts	Avg. Fin.	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Laps/Laps Led	Poles	Avg. Start	DNF
1. Jimmie Johnson	25	8.4	9	13	18	9,818/2,976	3	10.0	2
2. Carl Edwards	20	10.2	1	8	12	7,902/532	0	15.3	0
3. Jeff Gordon	43	11.7	4	17	24	17,184/2,295	4	11.8	5
4. Clint Bowyer	17	12.1	0	2	10	6,775/40	0	17.3	0
5. Tony Stewart	30	13.0	3	11	17	11,544/1,075	0	20.5	3
6. Matt Kenseth	31	13.0	2	14	20	11,854/828	1	15.5	5
7. Greg Biffle	24	13.4	2	6	11	9,437/463	1	12.3	1
8. Ryan Newman	25	13.6	3	6	12	9,837/848	4	9.2	2
9. Kyle Busch	19	14.4	2	9	12	6,551/1,011	0	11.4	4
10. Brad Keselowski	9	14.4	1	3	3	3,551/19	1	12.9	0

*Kyle Larson (avg. finish 11.0) has made one start at Dover.

TRUCK SERIES

Race: Rhino Linings 350
Track: Las Vegas Speedway
Date: Saturday, Sept. 27
TV: FOX Sports 1 (9:00 p.m.)
2013 Winner: Timothy Peters

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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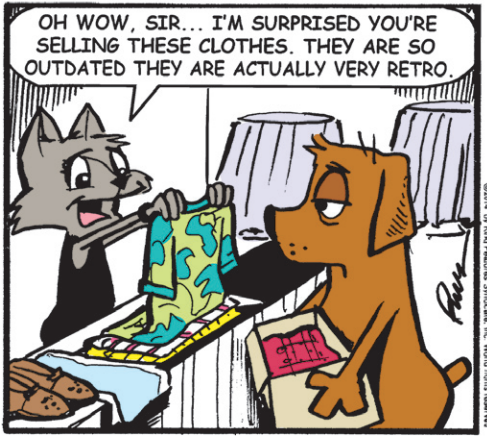
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★

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Just Like Cats & Dogs



TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: The Yakima River flows through which U.S. state?
 2. TELEVISION: What was the theme song to the sitcom “Friends”?
 3. MUSIC: What pop music group had a hit album in 1969 titled “The Age of Aquarius”?
 4. COMICS: Which comic strip featured a character called “Dragon Lady”?
 5. MEDICINE: How long is the average adult’s spinal cord?
 6. FOOD AND DRINK: What fast-food franchise featured the story of Jared S. Fogle, who lost a lot of weight eating their products?
 7. LITERATURE: Where did the Grinch live in the Dr. Seuss story “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!”?
 8. MOVIES: What was the name of the mad scientist in “The Rocky Horror Picture Show”?
 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the significance of the acronym ROY G BIV?
 10. FAMOUS QUOTES: What comedian and actor once said, “A day without sunshine is like, you know, night”?

Answers

 1. Washington
 2. “I’ll Be There For You” (The Rembrants)
 3. The 5th Dimension
 4. Terry and the Pirates
 5. 17 to 18 inches
 6. Subway
 7. Mount Crumpit
 8. Dr. Frank-N-Furter
 9. A mnemonic device to remember the colors of the rainbow
 10. Steve Martin

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| 7 Office tablets | 50 Saddler's tool | 91 Response to the aroma of good food? | 37 Outcome | 79 Café — (where Ilse says "Play it, Sam") |
| 15 Bichon — (dog breed) | 51 Try to rip open | 97 Poetic "always" | 39 USMC motto | 80 Rock guitar great Steve |
| 20 Capital ESE of Istanbul | 53 Ukraine city | 98 Roman 2,002 | 43 Bulk | 81 Ltr. enclosure |
| 21 Added for good measure | 55 "Kaboom!" | 99 Pro at transcription | 44 — loss | 83 Small pouch |
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| 25 Oreo's filling | 62 Levi's fabric | 105 Sitar player Shankar | 47 Ex-admiral, say | 92 Felt loosely |
| 26 Cher and Madonna, e.g. | 64 Itty-bitty | 108 Squirrel's bit | 52 "— for Evidence" (Grafton novel) | 93 Like Abner |
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To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Why Is Traveling So Tiresome?

DEAR DR. ROACH: Traveling for a length of time -- say, six hours or more -- on a train, bus or plane makes me rather tired. Others I discussed this with have had similar experiences. I find this strange, because for most of the travel time I am sitting doing nothing but reading or daydreaming. My question is: Do physiological changes taking place in the body brought on by the long period of sitting while in transit account for the fatigue, or is it simply mental boredom? -- R.S.

ANSWER: I think it's both mental and physical. Prolonged sitting recently has been shown to put people at increased risk for heart disease, as well as the known risk of blood clots. Getting up and walking around is always a good idea physically, and might help mentally as well.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: Orange juice was a staple for breakfast when we were growing up. Mom would say, "Hurry up and drink your orange juice before it loses its vitamins." I've noticed that when a carton of OJ is left out for even five minutes, it swells up, apparently due to some pretty volatile organic compounds. I've learned through the years that Mom was usually right. Was she right again? -- M.E.K.

ANSWER: Mom was partially right. Orange juice will lose its vitamins over time, especially if it gets warm. But that

doesn't happen in five minutes. Products that sit on the shelf for a long time lose their vitamins. As a student in organic chemistry, I did an experiment to find how much vitamin C was in certain products. Fresh fruits and vegetables (especially red bell peppers) had a great deal. A canned juice purportedly high in C had none at all. Even vitamin C tablets had lost 20 percent of their stated value even before their expiration date.

Orange juice containers will swell if bacteria in the juice release gas, at which point it should (obviously) be discarded. However, I wonder if the swelling in five minutes has to do with the air in the carton expanding due to the relative warmth of the air compared with the refrigerator.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I keep getting little black splinters under my fingernails that disappear on their own. I also have little black splinters under both of my big toenails that have not disappeared and have been there for a while. What is this? -- D.F.

ANSWER: These sounds like splinter hemorrhages. The most common cause of these is trauma to the nail bed, but some dermatologic conditions can cause this as well, such as psoriasis and lichen planus. However, the most worrisome (but unusual) condition is infective endocarditis, an infection of the heart valves. Any fever or fatigue should be promptly evaluated by an internist.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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Annual Women's Show Scheduled For Oct. 3

The JSMC HEALTH Western Kentucky Women's Show will be held Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville.

Admission is free to all women. It features several types of health screenings, talks with physicians on health, nutrition, weight loss, wound healing, joint replacement and several other topics.

"Fourteen years ago, we started this event as a women's health fair to provide health screenings for women in our community who otherwise do not have access to such healthcare services. This year, we are placing the clinic area front and center to re-emphasize our commitment to these women," said Beth McCraw, APRN, vice president, JSMC nursing services. "Participants can take

advantage of multiple preventative screenings ranging from bone density and cholesterol to carotid artery ultrasound and much more."

There will be opportunities for free Pap, mammogram and colon cancer screenings for those who meet certain criteria.

The show also will include a large display area featuring vendors offering products and services of interest to women of all ages.

The JSMC HEALTH Western Kentucky Women's Show is sponsored by Cayce's Pharmacy and JSMC Wound Healing Center. Pennyrile Radiology will sponsor "Health Talk," several informational talks on various health issues.

Additional information is available at www.jsmchealth.org/wkws or by calling 270-887-0217.



KATIE GIBSON is excited because she is the winner of raffle tickets for two University of Kentucky football games. With her is Christina Norris, DSHS senior class president. The senior class sold the raffle tickets, courtesy of Total Travel Services in Madisonville.

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Speedway Racer Features Organ Donors On Car

On Saturday, the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life sponsored six inspirational Kentuckians on NASCAR Nationwide Series driver Joey Gase's car at Kentucky Speedway.

Gase's mother Mary died suddenly at the age of 44 from a brain aneurysm. Gase made the decision to donate his mother's organs, improving the lives of 66 people in 2011.

Driving his No. 52 Donate Life Chevy has now become Gase's personal mission of advocating and spreading awareness of the importance of organ donation. His car is regularly adorned with the faces of his mother or others who have given the Gift of Life.

One of Saturday's honorees was Jamie Via

whose life was saved in 2014 after a three-year struggle with renal failure. Other honorees include liver recipient Trevor Pursifull of Bell County; Kosair Shriner and heart recipient Bob Beatty of Jefferson County; 18-year-old liver recipient Justin Honeycutt of Letcher county; firefighter and liver recipient Byron Pool of Caldwell County; and donor dad Joe Childers of Madison County.

Every registered donor gives hope to 123,000 children and adults on the waiting list for a transplant today. Every Kentuckian can join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry at a Circuit Court Clerk's Office when obtaining a driver's license or online at www.donatelifeky.org.



DSHS band members holding their second place trophy at Owensboro Catholic Marching Band Contest Saturday, Sept. 27, are (from left) Christina Norris, Steven Bearden, Jessica Earl, and C.J. Merideth.

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DSHS Marching Band Places Second Saturday

The Dawson Springs High School marching band placed second in Class A at the Owensboro Catholic Marching Band Contest Saturday. The color guard and percussion also placed second.

McLean County was first in Class A. The Grand Champion was Barren County, a Class AAAAA band.

"This was our first adjudicated performance of the year, and it went better than expected," said director Andy Hall. "Our annual Town Show at school the night before was rough in many places. The performance was much better on Saturday in front of the judges and

crowd."

Hall expects his band to improve in practice this week. Overall, he was pleased with their first performance.

"The crowd attending the Town Show always makes us feel good with all of their support," he said. "We have a lot of adult help with our band. We would not be able to accomplish as much without them."

The band will participate in two competitions this weekend. Dawson Springs will perform at 11:45 a.m. Saturday at Hopkins County Central and at 6:45 p.m. at Christian County Stadium of Champions.



DSHS senior band members are (front, from left) Victoria Solomon, Steven Bearden, Christina Norris, (second row) Caitlynn Moore, Callie Menser, Michelle Reaume, (third row) Alex Mathis, Alyssa Pugh. Not pictured C.J. Merideth.

DSHS Graduate Releases New Children's Book

Crystal the Condor Makes Friends, the long-awaited children's book by 1979 Dawson Springs High School graduate James Harryman, Ph.D., will be released this month.

"I'll be signing copies at a variety of venues but want to give my friends and family first dibs," Harryman said.

To learn how to receive a personally signed copy, send address and/or phone number to Dr. James Harryman, 518 Rand Ave., Perryville, MO.

Crystal the Condor Makes Friends encourages children to realize they can be accepted and accept others despite their differences, as well as make good choices, be aware of themselves and ignore bullying.



JIM HARRYMAN

Harryman was recently named Career Services Counselor of the Year at the Missouri Associations for Career Services annual fall conference. He has been Career Services Counselor at the Perryville Area Career and Technology Center since 2006.

Writing Contest At MCC Open For Submissions

The Stanley Lewis Cultural Diversity Writing Contest is underway at Madisonville Community College. Submissions will be accepted through Dec. 12.

The annual contest is held in memory of Stanley Lewis who was dedicated to meeting the needs of MCC students for more than 28 years. He was a member, deacon and trustee at Eastview Baptist Church in Madisonville. The contest is sponsored by MCC's Cultural Diversity Committee and supported by Eastview Baptist Church and the F.O. and Ernestine Baker Diversity Endowment.

The contest is open to community members and students. Entries can be poems, essays or short stories sharing experiences, thoughts, feelings or ideas about all types of diversity. Major components of judging will be the quality of the

writing and its consistency with the standards for the form or genre of the submitted entry. Multiple submissions may be made in more than one genre, but each requires a separate entry form.

Prizes include \$500 for the first-place winner, \$150 for second place and \$50 for third place. A \$50 award will be given for the best submission from a public, private or home-schooled elementary or middle school student. MCC employees, family members of contest judges and previous contest winners are not eligible for prize awards.

Additional contest guidelines along with a printable entry form can be found in the News & Events section on madisonville.kctcs.edu.

Submissions must be received by 4 p.m. Dec. 12. For additional information, contact Silas Matchem at 270-824-1738 or Joyce Riggs at 270-824-8581.

LBL Reservation Permits Now Available Online

Due to recent technical upgrades to the Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area camping and reservation system, permits will now be available for purchase online.

Permits available online include hunter use/backcountry camping combo, \$35; hunter use, \$25; annual backcountry camping, \$30; 3-day backcountry camping, \$7; and horse day-riding, \$7.

Online permits can be accessed at www.landbetweenthelakes.us/reservations/.

"We are excited to

offer this 24/7 convenience to the public," said Gary Hawkins, recreation specialist at Land Between The Lakes. "People can purchase their permits ahead of their visit so they are ready to camp, hunt or horseback ride when they arrive. Permits are still available for purchase at Welcome Stations, Golden Pond Visitor Center and after 5 p.m. at campground gatehouses."

Information about the permits is online at www.landbetweenthelakes.us.

Rachel Yarbrough Named To Early Childhood Council

Rachel Yarbrough has been appointed by Gov. Steve Beshear to the Kentucky Early Childhood Advisory Council to serve for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2015.

Yarbrough, a resident

of Madisonville, is superintendent for the Webster County Board of Education. She represents local education agencies. Her appointment replaces Tommy Floyd, who resigned.

Ausenbaugh Reunion Is Sunday

The Ausenbaugh family reunion will be held Sunday at the Dawson Springs Community Center.

Doors will open at 10

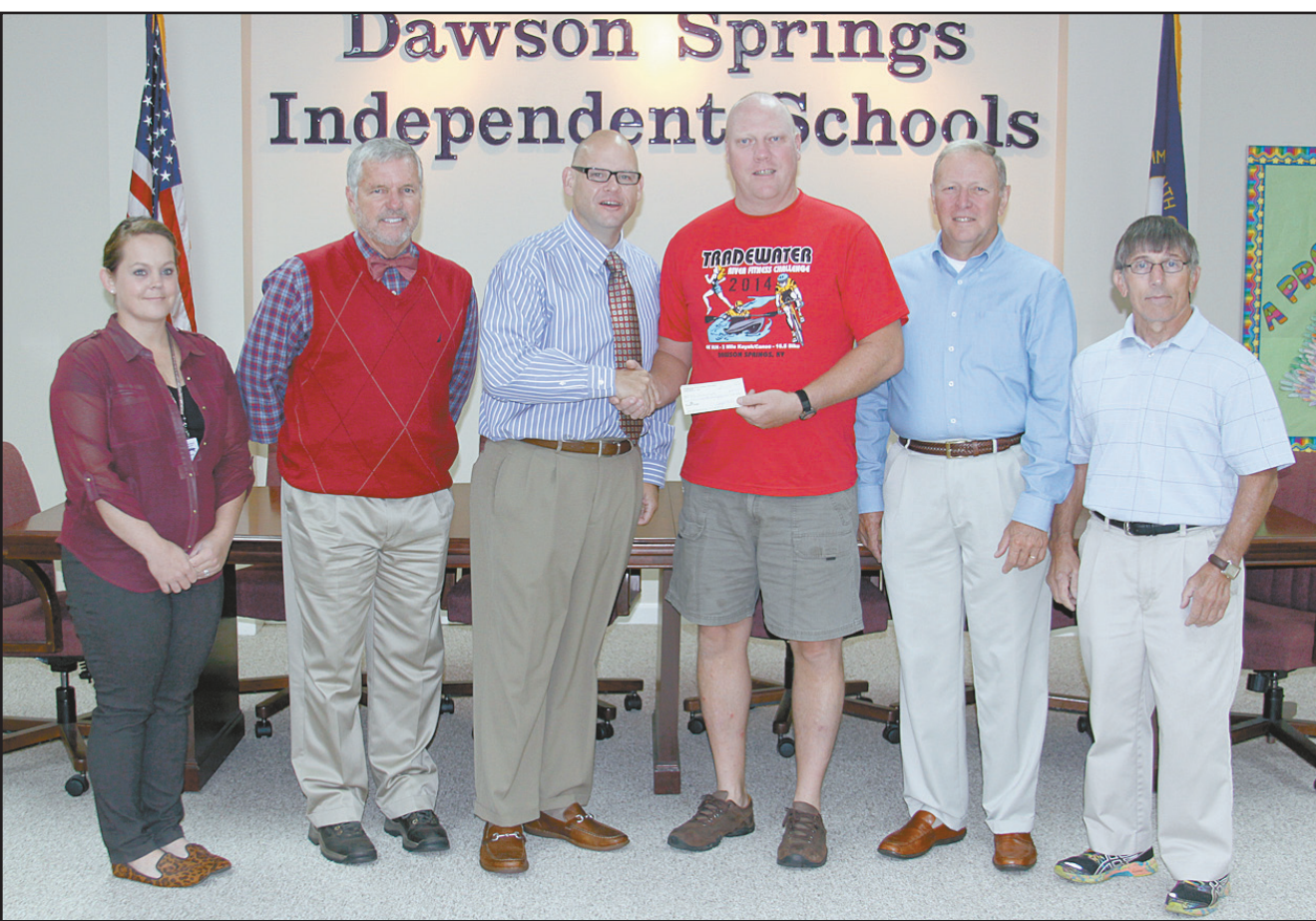
a.m. A potluck lunch will be served at noon.

All family members and friends of the Ausenbaughs are invited, a spokesman said.

KET Lists Upcoming Program

Bill Goodman, host of KET's One to One, sits down with incumbent U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, D-3rd District, of Louis-

ville, to discuss his fall re-election campaign platform. The episode can be seen at noon Sunday.



HANK MILLS (third from right), coordinator of the Tradewater River Fitness Challenge, presents a check for \$1,850 to Dawson Springs Independent School superintendent Lenny Whalen to be used toward an automatic emergency defibrillator. The challenge is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council #15181. Also in the photo are school principals (from left) Jennifer Ward and Kevin Stockman, along with (next to Mills) George Barber, Grand Knight of the council, and Jim Hillerich, council treasurer.



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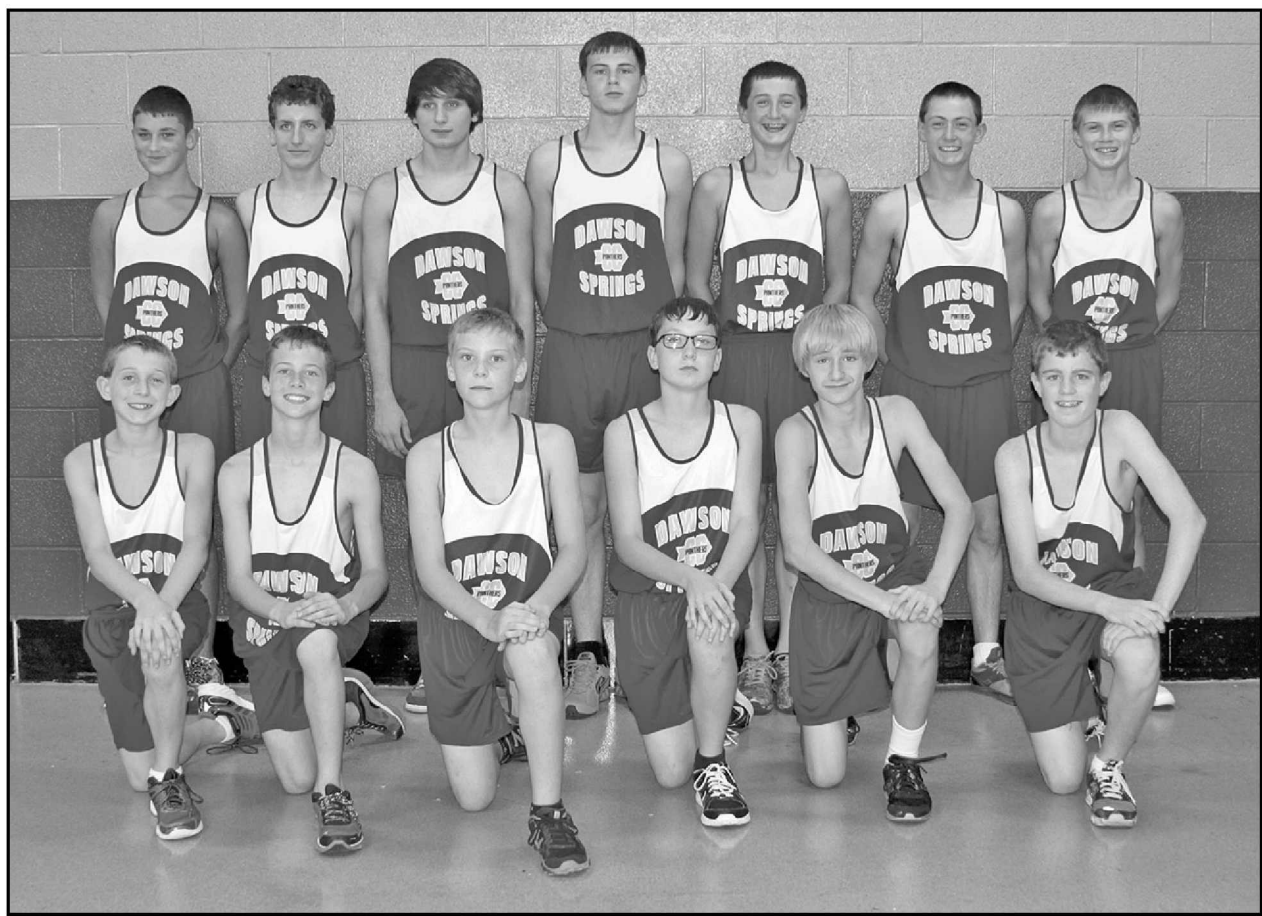


Girls Cross Country Team

PANTHER varsity girls cross country team members are (front, from left) Aubrie Gunn, Rachel Morse, Brooklyn Cotton, Mallory Hall (back row) Paige Hendrix, Andie Mills, Sabreyn Pleasant, Kaylee Simpson, Ashton Mitchell and Allie Mills.

Boys Cross Country Team

MEMBERS of the Panther varsity boys cross country team are (front, from left) Charles Abbott, Ethan Stuart, Talan Moore, Tyler Weir, Devan Baker, Jett McKnight, (back row) Austin Clark, Ty Akin, Kameron Orten, Ryne Bruch, Christian Abbott, Isiah Abbott and Dylan Simpson.



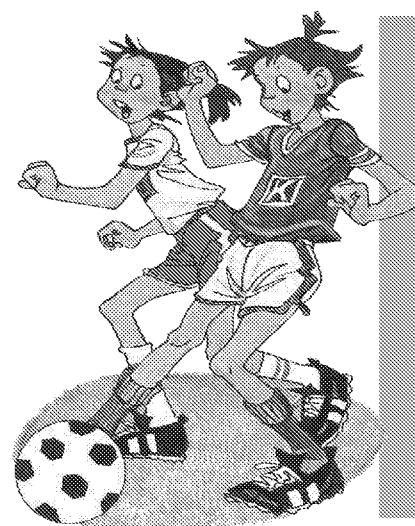
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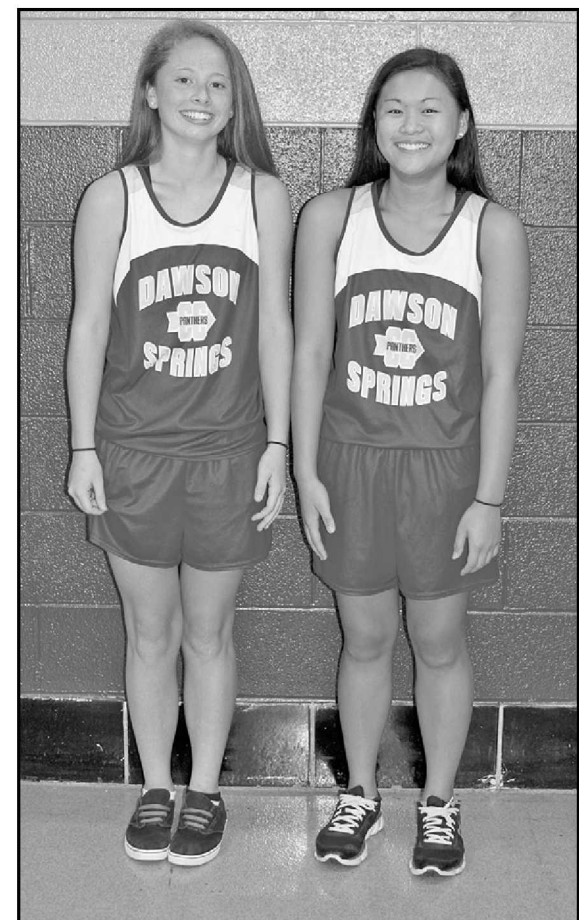
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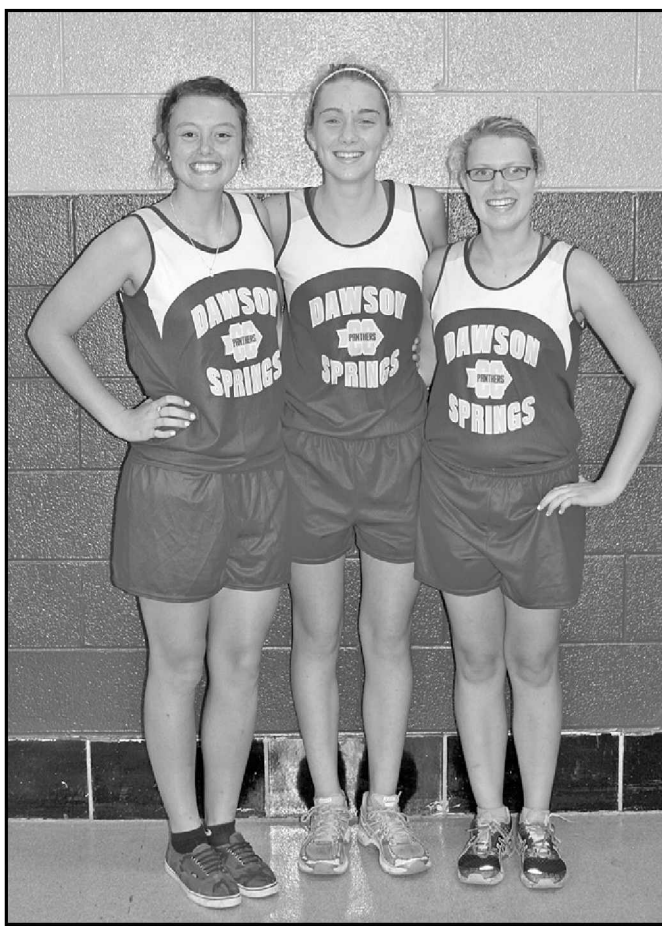
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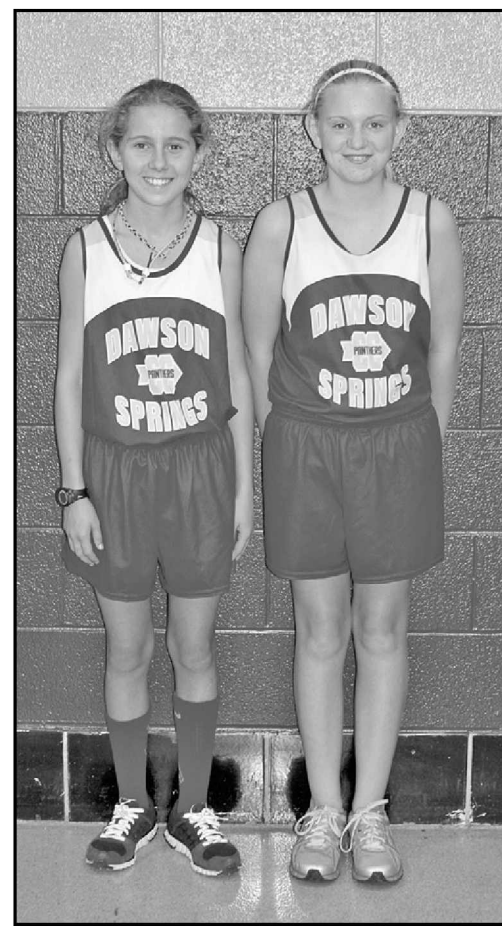


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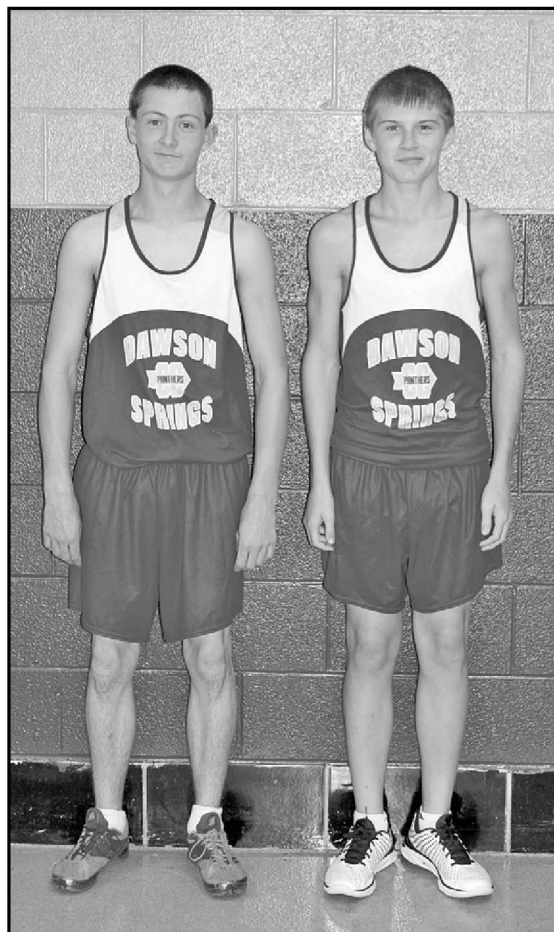
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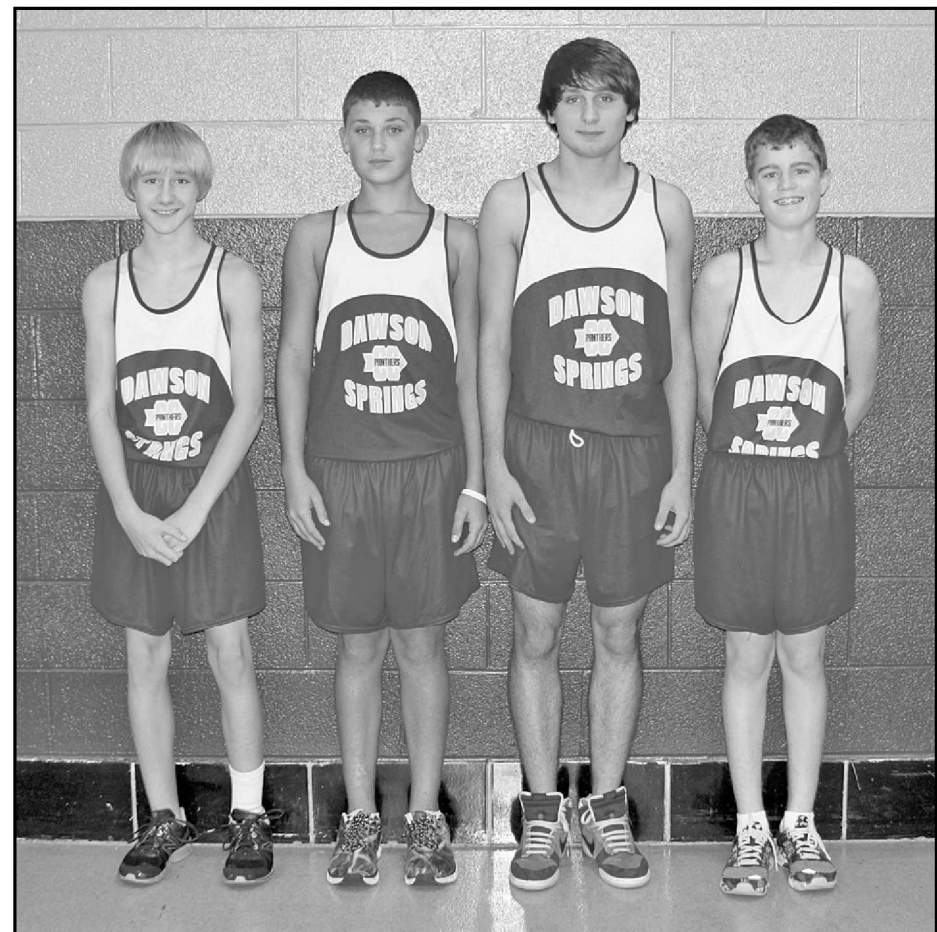




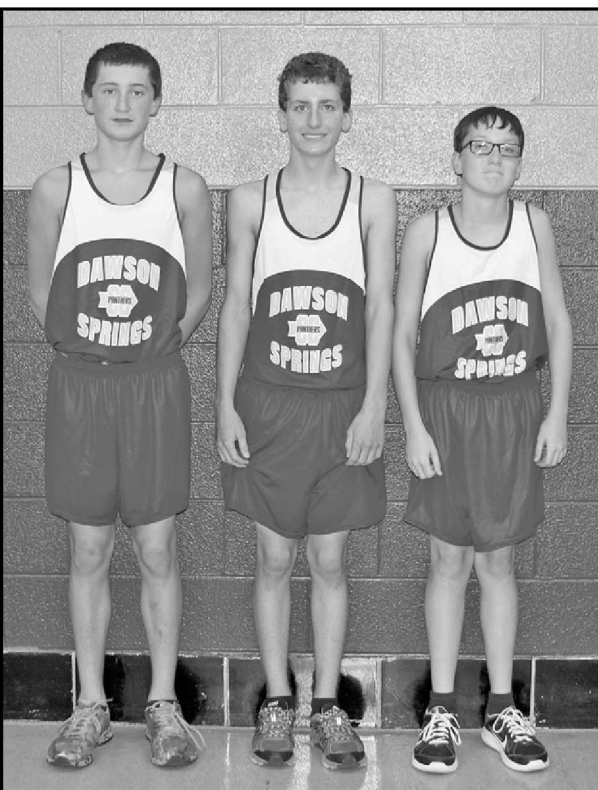
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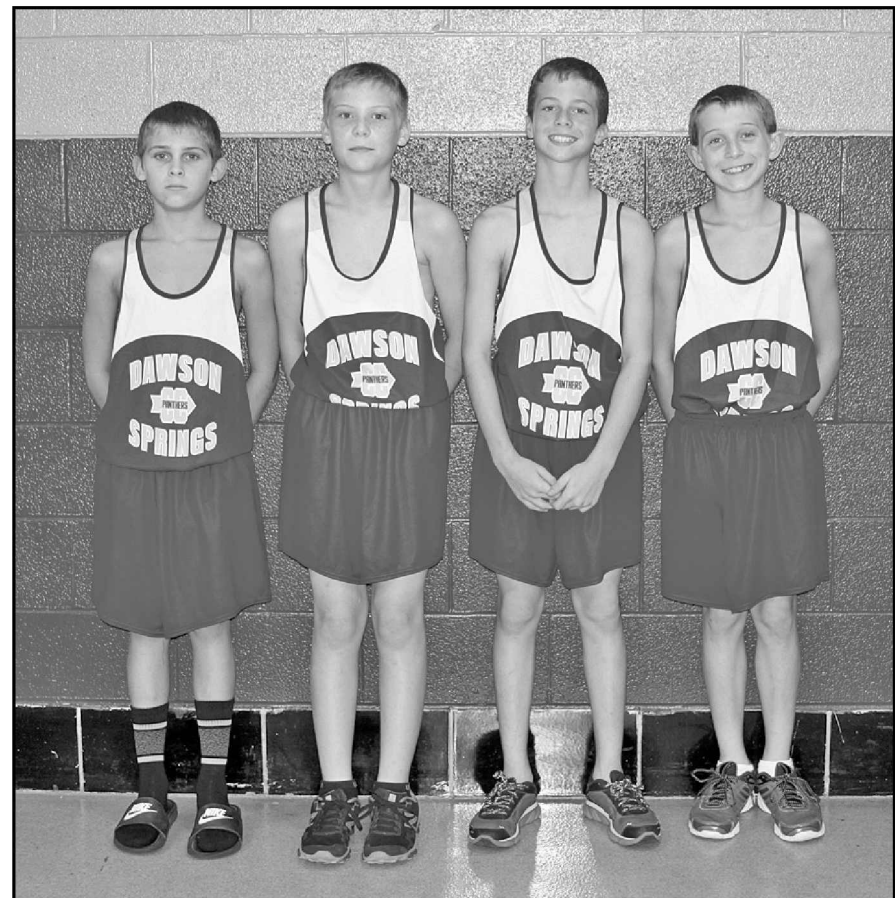
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Girls Soccer Team

MEMBERS of the Panther girls soccer team, along with their coaches and manager, are (from left) manager C. J. Merideth, Allison Gordon, Tiki Robinson, Lindsey Carter, Audriana Coyazo, Madison

Garrett, Kristian Ford, Savannah Bean, Casey Tencate, Tori Hooper, Kayla Bigham, Marissa Coyazo, Taylor Whalen, Tori Bullock, Kaitlyn Huddleston, Alyssa Pugh and Sydney Menser.






Boys Soccer Team

MEMBERS of the Panther boys soccer team are (from left) Jett McKnight, Nathan Bearden, Tanner Weir, Jordan Adams, Josh Castle, Jacob Messamore, Steven Bearden, Atley Solomon, Jon Williams, Cole

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Boys Golf Team

PANTHER boys golf team members are (from left) Connor Ames, Asher Lucas, David Price, D.J. Thorp, Schyuler Storms, Dakota Jones and Trey Blanchard.

Girls Golf Team

MEMBERS of the Panther girls golf team are (from left) Malaia Miller and Emma Thorp.



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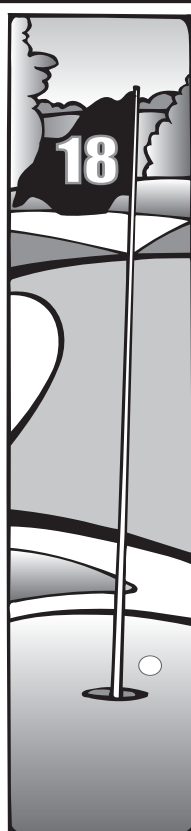
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